



Tottenham's German World Cup star Juergen Klinsmann elbows his way past Southampton defender Francis Benali (R) to open the scoring for Spurs during an English Premier football league match at their White Hart Lane ground on Sept 12. Spurs lost 2-1. — AFP photo

### Aussie Open eagerly awaits Andre Agassi

MELBOURNE, Australia, Sept 13: Australian Open officials are confident US Open tennis champion Andre Agassi will make his first appearance in their event next January, reports AP. Tournament director Paul McNamee said preliminary negotiations with the flamboyant American had been very promising. "But you have to wait for the actual event before you can put it to bed," McNamee said Tuesday. Agassi has twice entered the Australian Open — the first Grand Slam tournament of the year — and twice been forced to withdraw. The first time he was suffering from a throat infection and this year he was sidelined by a wrist injury. Agassi defeated German Michael Stich in New York on Sunday to win his first US Open title, adding that to the Wimbledon title he won in 1992. Agassi became only the third unseeded player to win the US Open men's singles championship when he beat No. 4 seed Stich 6-1, 7-6, 7-5. McNamee said he believed the synthetic Rebound Ace courts at the National Tennis Centre — venue for the Australian Open — would suit Agassi's style of play. "If you look at his game, he's won the US Open on hard courts, Wimbledon on grass and reached the finals of the French Open on clay," McNamee said. "Certainly he's one of the very few players capable of winning the Grand Slam, because his record suggests he can play on any surface. We would be dead unlucky if he doesn't come this time."

### Krickstein in Round Two

BOGOTA, Columbia, Sept 13: Third-seeded Aaron Krickstein beat Mark Knowles of the Bahamas 6-3, 6-4 in the first round of the Club Columbia Open on Monday, reports AP. "It was a little tough to get used to the altitude (9,000 feet)," Krickstein said. "But I think I'll get better and better with each match. Hopefully, I can keep playing here." Seventh-seeded Bryan Shelton beat Daniel Orsanic of Argentina 6-7 (6-8), 6-4, 7-6 (8-6) in his first-round match. Feron Wibler of the Netherlands, Sergio Cortes of Chile and Miguel Tobon of Colombia also advanced. Wibler beat Alejandro Aramburu of Peru 6-4, 6-3. Cortes defeated Peter Tramacchi of Australia 6-4, 6-3 and Tobon beat Luis Morejon of Ecuador 7-6 (7-3), 1-6, 6-1. Top seeded Carlos Costa of Spain and second-seeded Jaime Yzaga of Peru, who knocked off Pete Sampras in the fourth round of the US Open, begin play Tuesday.

### Last rites for Billy Wright

LONDON, Sept 13: Thousands of soccer fans lined the streets of Wolverhampton on Monday to pay their final respects to former Wolves and England captain Bill Wright, reports Reuter. They braved the pouring rain both around the stadium, where Wright's hearse was driven in, and at the nearby St Peter's Church, where more than 700 mourners attended the funeral service. Tributes were read by Sir Bobby Charlton and 1960's pop star Gerry Marsden.

## Taiwan will not back out

TAIPEI, Sept 13: Taiwan defiantly stuck to plans to send President Lee Teng-hui to next month's Asian Games despite veiled warnings from China on Tuesday that he should stay away, reports AFP. Taiwanese sports officials attacked China's role in the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) decision to ban "political figures," from the continent's biggest sporting event, which starts in Hiroshima, Japan on October 2. But as the controversy around Lee gathered pace, the head of the host nation's sports body also criticised the OCA president for inviting the Taiwan leader at all. China welcomed an OCA ban on "political figures" at the Games, which revoked an invitation to the Taiwanese leader from OCA president Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad. "We think it's a wise decision by the Olympic Committee of Asia," said a foreign ministry spokeswoman in Beijing. The OCA ruling was seen as an attempt to defuse the threat of a Chinese boycott. Beijing protested strongly over the invitation to the head of what it considers a renegade province. The Chinese spokeswoman said the decision was in line with the OCA constitution, which says the Games organis-

ers must not give official recognition to any foreign political delegation. In a clear reference to Taiwan's defiance, the spokeswoman said, "We think this provision (in the OCA constitution) should be abided by strictly." Taiwan responded by saying there was no question of withdrawing its 397-member delegation to the October 2-16 Games. "We are not going to create any international scandal. Therefore, we will not boycott the Asian Games," said Tseng Yung-Chuan, vice chairman of Taiwan's National Olympic Committee. "The fact is athletics has been smeared by politics. This is sad," Tseng told reporters. He added that Beijing's role in the decision to bar Lee from the event was a "scandalous act." Taiwan politicians have also accused the OCA of giving in to Chinese pressure. Chang Feng-Shu, chairman of the Taiwan Olympic Committee, said he had sent a letter to Al-Fahad voicing regret at the action. But he added that the Olympic Committee was pressing ahead with preparations for Lee to go to Hiroshima. The presidential office also said there is no change in

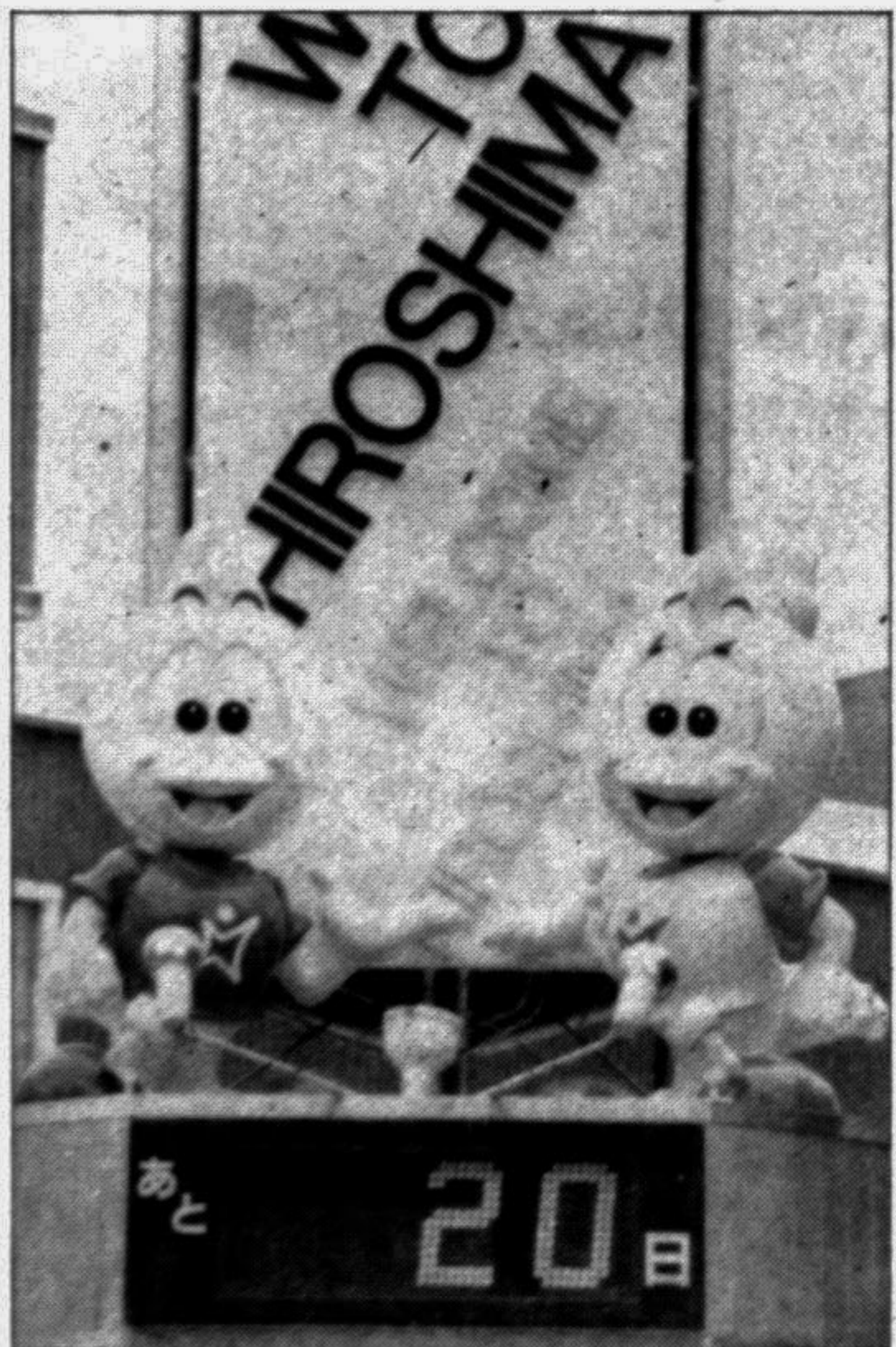
Lee's planned visit. "Nobody has cancelled the President's invitation," said the president's news secretary Chang Ping-Nan. "And the President is prepared to leave for Japan on October 1." Takayashi Fukushima, secretary general of the organising committee, welcomed the OCA political ban as "a step toward a solution to the problem" posed by Lee's planned visit. "But we cannot be certain before we see reactions from Taiwan," he said. The head of Japan's national Olympic Committee president, meanwhile, upbraided Sheikh Al-Fahad for sparking what became a major diplomatic row, a Japanese newspaper reported. Sheikh Ahmad "does not have global developments in his head and fails to understand the world of sport and politics," Hironoshi Furuhashi was quoted as saying by the Asahi. "The president's action lacked consideration," said Furuhashi, who is also an OCA vice-president and head of the Games organising committee. Sheikh Ahmed's invitations severely embarrassed Japanese government which at one stage said it might bar the Taiwan president from entering the country.

## Tokyo enraged by OCA chief

TOKYO, Sept 13: Japan warned on Tuesday it would not support the re-election of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) chief after an embarrassing row that nearly led to a Chinese boycott of next month's Asian Games, reports Reuter. The OCA effectively cancelled an invitation extended to Taiwan's President Lee Teng-hui on Monday after the diplomatic fracas erupted. But there were indications Tokyo planned to allow at least

three Taiwanese officials including Deputy Prime Minister Hsui Li Teh and Education Minister Kuo Wei Fan to attend the Games' opening ceremonies. The Yomiuri Shimbun newspaper said a senior official from the Hiroshima Asian Games Organising Committee (HAGOC) went to Taipei on Monday with 517 identity cards for Taiwanese athletes, journalists and officials including Hsu and Kuo. Hironoshin Furuhashi,

HAGOC chairman, made clear on returning from the World Swimming Championships in Rome that hosts Japan were furious about the OCA's handling of a controversial invitation to Taiwan's Lee. "Even key members of the international sports world told (me): 'What has (OCA) president Sheikh Ahmad done?'" Furuhashi was quoted as saying at Tokyo's Narita Airport by Kyodo news agency. "For the Asian sports world and its future, we will be at a loss if we leave the situation like this," Furuhashi said. Kyodo said Furuhashi hinted that the Japan Olympic Committee, which he also heads, would not support any re-election bid by Sheikh Ahmad at an OCA general meeting to be held during the Hiroshima Games. Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah of Kuwait was elected to the OCA post at an extraordinary meeting in 1991. The OCA chief usually serves for a four-year term. Sheikh Ahmad's father Sheikh Fahd, who was killed during Iraq's August 1990 invasion of Kuwait, had held the post since the OCA was established in 1982. In an apparent effort to avert a Chinese boycott, the Kuwait-based OCA, the Games' sponsor, on Monday announced no politicians would be invited to the event other than those from host country Japan. The brief OCA statement made no mention of any individual but the move in effect cancels an invitation that the OCA had extended to Lee. HAGOC's Furuhashi was quoted as saying by Kyodo: "Now the Games will become an event with all expected countries coming together." A record 7,300 athletes and officials from 42 nations are due to take part in the event competing in 337 events in 34 sports. The games are held every four years and open in Hiroshima on October 2. China, Asian Games champions since 1986, is sending the largest contingent, with 779 athletes and officials. Taiwan's delegation totals 397.



Hiroshima Asian Games mascots Poppo (L) and Cuccu (R) are displayed at a city signboard on Sept 12. The electronic display shows that there are 20 more days before the Games begin on Oct 2. — AFP photo

### Southampton sink Spurs

LONDON, Sept 13: Matthew Le Tissier struck his second goal with just a minute remaining to earn Southampton a shock 2-1 victory on Monday at high-flying Tottenham, who had defender Sol Campbell sent off, reports Reuter. Southampton came back from the blow of conceding a sixth-minute goal to in-form German striker Jurgen Klinsmann to register their first win of the season and consign Tottenham to their second successive home defeat. Tottenham, with one of the most exciting strike forces in English soccer, struggled to impose their attacking game on Southampton, who pulled off their unexpected win with two goals in the last 15 minutes. Le Tissier, Southampton's top scorer last season, equalised from the penalty spot after Campbell pulled down Neil Heaney on the edge of the box in the 75th minute, for which he was dismissed. Then, with the spoils seemingly shared, defender Stuart Nethercott missed a bouncing cross into the penalty area and Le Tissier fired home an easy shot for his third goal of the season.

### Bad news for SA Open

JOHANNESBURG, Sept 13: The 1995 South African Open was Monday placed in jeopardy when the main sponsor, leisure giant Sun International, announced it would not support the tournament, reports AFP. Sun International, which staged the 1994 event at its Sun City hotel and casino resort, said the exceedingly high cost of staging the tournament had led to the decision to withdraw sponsorship. A spokesman for Tennis South Africa (TSA) said the withdrawal of Sun International was a "body blow" to the tournament. "We will look at all the options," the spokesman said, adding that if a new sponsor could be found, the event would take place. The 1994 event featured several of the world's top 20 players, including 1994 US Open finalist Michael Stich. TSA president Eric Waterston has mooted the possibility that the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) franchise for the South African Open could be sold if a sponsor was not found. TSA has recently been wracked by infighting, which led to the sport's other major local sponsor, Standard Bank, withdrawing its support from all events except the Davis Cup.

### Chang to play in Beijing Salem Open

BELJING, Sept 13: Seventy-two players from 21 countries will compete in the Beijing Salem Open tennis from Oct 17-24, one of the ATP series, reports Xinhua. Among the top players are American Michael Chang who ranked sixth in the world, and 18th-ranked Magnus Gustafsson of Sweden. Both Pan Bin and Xia Jiaping, the two Chinese top players, will also play in the tournament as the "wild cards" for the hosts. The tournament offers the prize of 325,000 US dollars.

# Disabled and women with a sporting chance

By Derek Ingram

The Commonwealth has given a lead to international sport as a result of the Games just finished in Canada. It integrated the disabled into the Games meeting instead of running a separate, parallel event — a world first. And reports Gemini News Service, it launched a drive to give women equality of opportunity.

Two groups of disadvantaged sports people — women and the disabled — are likely to benefit greatly as a result of initiatives taken at the Commonwealth Games just held in Victoria, Canada. What has happened here could bring about a major change in the face of international sport. For the first time in any Games, disabled competitors in Victoria were integrated in the programme. Until now, events for the disabled have been held separate in all regional and international athletics meetings, as with the Paralympics, for example. The breakthrough was almost secured by Arthur Tunstall, secretary-treasurer of the Australian Commonwealth Games Association, who described the presence of disabled athletes as "an embarrassment" to other competitors and to themselves. But he

expected — but it was a start. The drive for integration owes much to Canada, where government policy of help for the disabled is as advanced as anywhere in the world. Leading the pressure for reform has been Canadian Rick Hansen, who captured world headlines in 1985 when he circled the world in his wheelchair and raised \$26 million for spinal cord injury research, rehabilitation and wheelchair sport. He covered 40,000 kilometres through 34 countries. Hansen is now calling for mentally handicapped athletes to be accepted into the Commonwealth Games. He says: "I don't see any reason when you are dealing with disabilities to draw arbitrary lines." His example inspired the disabled athletes in Victoria, who included competitors

were in Victoria for the Commonwealth Secretariat to find out from women competitors, team managers and delegates more about the barriers and opportunities facing women in sport at the national level. Barriers against women competing differ according to the social, religious and economic contexts in which they live, family circumstances and access to educational and cultural services. All manner of obstacles have to be overcome in developing countries: support networks are small, access to coaching limited, cash and subsistence support often minimal, family pressures sometimes difficult to cope with. Talbot and Flintoff circulated questionnaires about these problems in Victoria and talked to a wide range of people at the Games.

## Women: running to catch up

Examples of gender balance in Commonwealth Games teams:

<b>CANADA</b>	men 174	women 105	<b>ENGLAND</b>	164	102
<b>AUSTRALIA</b>	159	92	<b>GHANA</b>	20	10
<b>NIGERIA</b>	64	19	<b>S. AFRICA</b>	76	36
<b>PAKISTAN</b>	18	0	<b>MALAWI</b>	7	0
<b>Total:</b>		<b>1716 men</b>			
		<b>760 women</b>			

later backtracked and the Games showed the wrong he was. The disabled lived in the Athletes Village with everyone else, wore the same national uniforms, and took part in the medal award ceremonies. They competed in lawn bowling, swimming and athletics. And just after the Games started, it was decided that their medals should be counted in with the country totals. A star disabled performer in Victoria was Canadian swimmer Andrew Haley, who lost a leg at the age of six. He won a gold medal in the 100-meters freestyle. In the bowls contest, blind Lawson Brand of Scotland won a gold medal with the help of his wife as coach. She directs his shots by telling him the arrangement of the bowls, the distance from the jack, and the speed of the green. In bowls for the blind, the coach stands near the bowler and more use is made of the sense of touch and hearing. A marker at the far end provides information on distance. Fifty-five disabled people took part in the Victoria Games — fewer than had been

from Nigeria and other developing countries where athletes are in dire need of equipment to compete with those in Canada, Britain and Australia with their highly expensive racing wheelchairs. The Victoria Games have proved that integration is practical and that the public is ready to support and enjoy disabled sports and not, as was once suspected to see them as something slightly distasteful. Still a long way off in many countries, however, is a breakthrough on equality for women in international sport. True, nearly one third of the approximately 3,000 competitors in Victoria were women. But most came from Canada, Australia and Britain. Hong Kong had more women than men, and South Africa had 36. By contrast, Pakistan had none, as strangely, did Uganda. Bangladesh sent only four women, all shooters, a sport which requires no modification of traditional dress. The Tanzanian team had only one female competitor, a 15-year-old. Two researchers, Professor Margaret Talbot of Leeds University and Dr Ann Flintoff,

Their report will help the Commonwealth Games Federation in its attempts to step up women's participation in the 1998 Games in Kuala Lumpur as well as taking the subject forward at the next Commonwealth summit in Auckland in 1995. Next time around, weightlifting and wrestling will be added to the women's list of Commonwealth Games. The plan is also to bring cricket and rugby into the Kuala Lumpur meeting — the first team events to be included in a Commonwealth Games — but for the moment the idea of women taking part in these is being greeted with some derision by Malaysians. More determined attempts will be made to get women into paid coaching jobs. All these developments are part of the Commonwealth drive to emphasise the role of sport in national development, not least in bringing closer together ethnically diverse societies, such as those in Malaysia and South Africa. — GEMINI NEWS

### CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

- Catch one's breath
- Shot
- Actress
- Arthur
- Lotion
- Path for Bob and Bing
- Perry
- Mason's field
- Noble
- Coffee vessel
- Celebrity
- Dance lessons
- Veep
- Barkley
- Ancient Dead Sea kingdom
- Winty
- Framing of a sort
- Cologne-label word
- Banquet
- Verily
- Derisive ones
- Station
- Fedora
- Michel-

**ANGLO'S**

- angel's tool
- Phantom's bailiwick
- Old
- woman's home?
- Gridlock component
- Self-descriptive flowers
- "Ben-"
- Zhivago's love
- Ham's dad
- Crafty
- Kept tabs on
- A handful
- Run up the phone bill
- The whole

**SHEBANG**

- action
- Old French coin
- Rid of rind
- Woody's son
- Werewolf's inspiration
- Chou's leader
- Eccentric
- Ronstadt hit
- O.K. Corral figure
- Aristae
- Crib
- Trump's casino hotel, briefly
- Dogfight participants
- Bank trans-

**ADOLF**

- extra
- Playwright
- Hart
- Consider
- Regatta
- need
- Military meal
- Dog owner's chore
- Crumbly
- Goof up
- Makes like a peacock
- Costas or Woodward
- News publisher
- Adolph
- One of the Fab Four
- Doubtless
- Be in charge of
- Minstrel's rendition
- Card game
- Felonious flight
- Yon maiden fair

**AMUSEMENT TIME: 24 MINS.**

**CARTOONS** TOWA  
**HARPOONS** ELLS  
**APT** ABLEST  
**BOGUS** HURL  
**EVIL** SALOONS  
**GAL** STUTZ EAT  
**LAGOONS** GASH  
**HURT** KATHY  
**CAMERA** EEL  
**ABOUT** BALLOONS  
**REST** LAMPOONS  
**ALTO** ESS THEA

**CRYPTOQUIP**

M H B G B F S U R F R L G B  
 N D G Z R F K B F S U R F R K  
 H L L F W M Z S F B G B K F N L  
 G B D F Z R F W M K K M U R F L R ?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHY, EATING A PIECE OF WATERMELON IN THE SUMMER IS SO MESSY, IT'S PIT-IFUL!

Today's Cryptoquip clue: H equals F

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.