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German Davis Cup double pair Boris Becker (L) and Michael Stich congratulate each other after winning the quarterfinal match against Dutch pair Paul Haarhuis and Jacco Eltingh in Utrecht, Netherlands on Apr 1. The Germans won 6-7 (7-1), 4-6, 6-4, 7-5, 6-3. — AFP/UNB photo

Russia ride on Kafelnikov

MOSCOW, Apr 2: Yevgeny Kafelnikov, the star of Russia's unexpected run to the Davis Cup finals last year, clinched a spot for his country in this year's semifinals with a singles victory Sunday that led the Russians past South Africa 4-1, reports AP.

Kafelnikov, ranked No 6 in the world, downed 11th-ranked Wayne Ferreira 6-4, 7-5, 6-1 in Moscow's indoor Olympic Stadium to give Russia an insurmountable lead in the best-of-five quarterfinal match.

Russia's 36th-ranked Alexander Volkov routed 99th-rated Marcos Ondruska 6-1, 6-1 in the final singles match, shortened to best of three sets.

Russia will host a semifinal tie Sept 22-24 against Germany, which defeated Netherlands on Sunday. Last year, the unseeded Russians upset a German team that was minus Boris Becker to advance to the

finals, where they lost to Sweden.

Kafelnikov nearly single-handedly beat the South Africans, with a hand in three Russian victories.

After beating Ondruska in straight sets in the opening match on Friday, he and doubles partner Andrei Olkhovsky gave Russia a 2-1 lead Saturday when they rallied from two sets down and staved off two match points to defeat Ferreira and Gary Muller.

On Sunday, he survived three service breaks in the evenly played first two sets and simply overpowered Ferreira in the third. The South African slammed down his racket and cursed after dropping the hard-fought second set and appeared disheartened and tired in the finale.

"I started the match in good form and took the initiative in my hands today," Kafelnikov said. "Wayne tried to fight back, but he had played five sets in each of the last two

Becker, Stich put Germans ahead

UTRECHT, Netherlands, Apr 2: Boris Becker and Michael Stich came from two sets down to beat Dutch pair Paul Haarhuis and Jacco Eltingh on Saturday and give Germany a 2-1 lead in their Davis Cup World Group quarter-final tie, reports Reuter.

Olympic champions Becker and Stich won a stirring and evenly contested match 6-7, 4-6, 6-4, 7-5, 6-3.

Former world champions Haarhuis and Eltingh started shakily and recovered from twice being a break down to take the first set into a tie-break, which they won easily 7-1.

The Dutch pair improved their service games in the second set which they sailed through 6-4 after breaking Becker's service in the opening game.

The turning-point for the Germans came in the 10th game of the third set when, on Eltingh's service, Stich hit a shot which looked well over the baseline but was called in.

Eltingh, nerve faltering, went on to concede his service game without winning a point, giving the Germans the set.

This boosted the morale of the Germans, particularly galvanising Becker who had been beaten by Haarhuis in Friday's singles when he complained of suffering from a shoulder injury.

Becker, who had conceded 16 double-faults on Friday, served superbly, hit great passing shots and made near impossible returns.

Eltingh dropped his service twice in the fourth set and again in the eighth game of the final set.

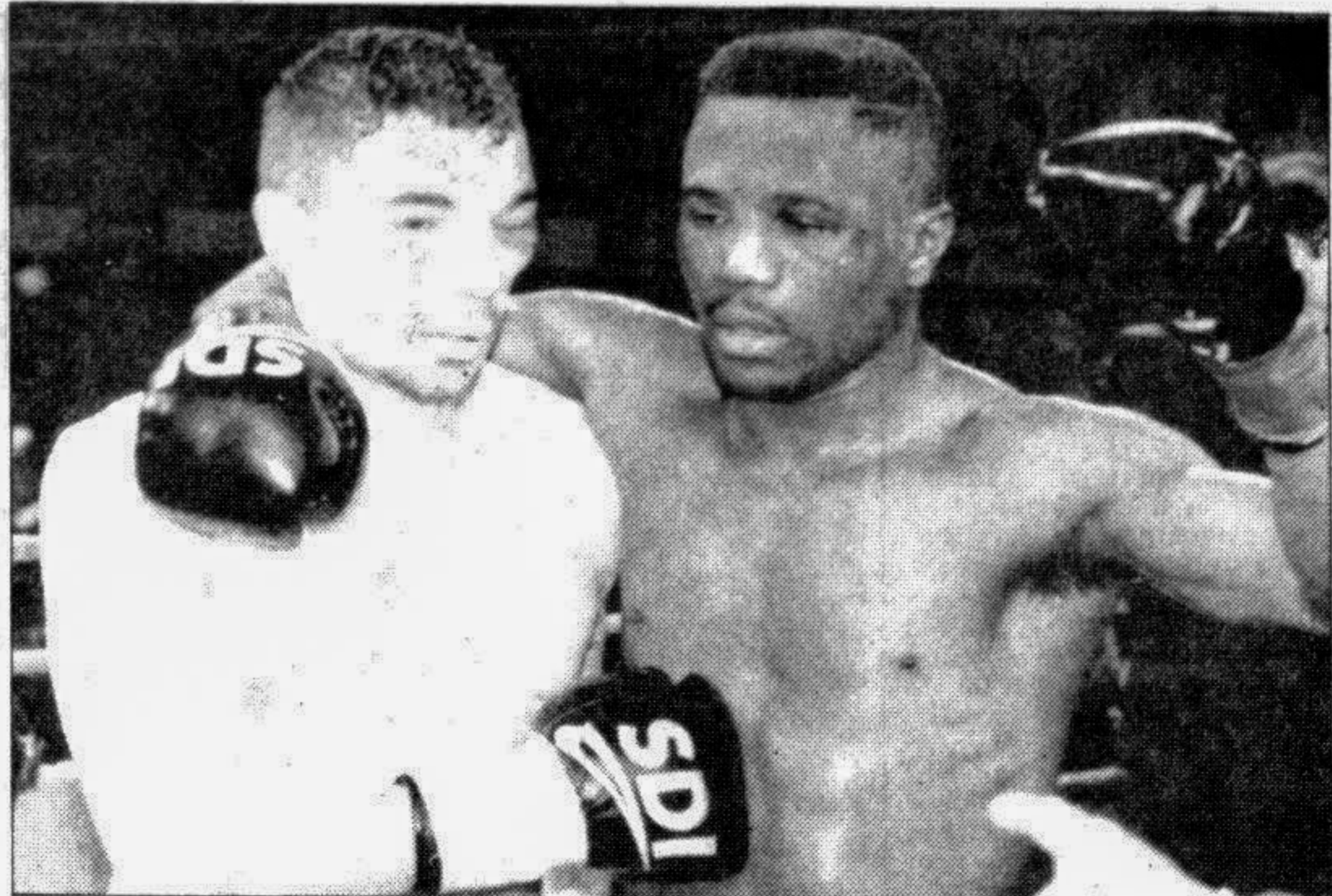
Becker clinched the match in style with an ace on a second service.

"This was world-class tennis," German coach Niki Pilic said. "In the first hour and a half of the match Haarhuis did not make a single mistake."

Becker said the match had been full of tension. "After the first set we felt a bit down, therefore we lost the second set so easily," he said.

"The match could have gone either way. We never felt we had it in our pocket. Now we have a 2-1 advantage it does not mean we've won the tie. There is still a lot work to do."

Becker faces Richard Krajicek in Sunday's reverse singles, while Stich, who beat Krajicek on Friday, takes on Haarhuis.



Valery Kayumba of France (R) and Jose-Luis Navarro of Spain embrace each other after their European welterweight championship bout in Paris on Apr 1. Kayumba took the title. — AFP/UNB photo

Hill defends WBA crown

JEAN, Nevada, Apr 2: Virgil Hill complained of not fighting often enough. Given the chance Saturday night against Crawford Ashley, he did just enough, reports AP.

Hill, in an uninspired but effective performance, defended his WBA light heavyweight title for the 17th time with a unanimous decision over the British challenger.

Fighting for only the second time in 15 months, Hill hurt his left hand in the fourth round and fought cautiously but well enough the rest of the way to gain the decision.

"Every time I jabbed with it, I felt a sharp pain up to my shoulder," Hill said. "It took away from my power."

Hill had clear control throughout the fight, but failed to pressure the 10th-ranked challenger in a fight that had a crowd of about 2,400 at Buffalo Bill's hotel-casino on the California-Nevada border boozing in the late rounds.

"I think my left hand is broken," he told his cornermen after the end of the fourth round.

There were no knockdowns in the bout, which Hill won by 118-110 margins on two scores. The other score was 113-113 on the third.

The 31-year-old Hill is now 40-1, while Ashley, 174 pounds (78.8 kg), fell to 20-7-1.

In another title fight, Ricardo Lopez remained undefeated by stopping Andy Tabanas in the 12th round to retain his WBC strawweight title.

Lopez (40-0) battered Tabanas around the ring in the final round before referee Mitch Halpern finally moved in to stop it at 2:45 of the round.

Lopez, 104 (47 kg), of Mexico, scored his 30th knockout. Tabanas, 105 (48 kg), from Cebu, Philippines, fell to 30-3.

In an earlier bout, former junior flyweight champion Michael Carbajal scored a lopsided 10-round decision over Armando Diaz of Mexico.

Carbajal, fighting for the first time since losing a title bout to Humberto Gonzalez, looked strong the first few rounds and did enough to win the rest of the way against the outclassed Diaz.

Carbajal, 110 (50 kg), of Phoenix, won all 10 rounds on two ringside scorecards and all but one on a third in improving to 33-2. Diaz, 110 (50 kg), fell to 18-9-1. Carbajal, who earned \$1.1 million for his first fight against Gonzalez last 13 months ago, was paid \$1.5 million for the bout.

Kayumba dethrones Navarro

PARIS, Apr 2: Valery Kayumba of France became the new European welterweight champion here Saturday when he stopped Spanish titleholder Jose-Luis Navarro in the eighth-round of a scheduled twelve round contest, reports AFP.

The 28-year-old Kayumba, whose victory means that there are now eight French European champions, severely punished his opponent with sharp and deadly accurate combinations.

By the eighth round Navarro's face was badly distorted and bruised and the referee called a halt after he had been inspected by the ring doctor.

Tyson begins training

LAS VEGAS, Apr 2: Mike Tyson has already begun working out in anticipation of his first fight since his release from prison, promoter Don King said Saturday, reports AP.

Tyson worked out Friday night at an undisclosed location in Las Vegas, where he arrived Thursday from his home in Ohio.

"It's as if he never left, the way he worked out last night," King said.

The former heavyweight champion did not show up for a fight card promoted by King at Buffalo Bill's hotel-casino some 40 miles (65 kilometres) south of Las Vegas on Saturday night. The card featured Virgil Hill in a light heavyweight title defense against England's Crawford Ashley.

But King said Tyson would attend next Saturday's fight card at Caesars Palace that features two heavyweight title fights — WBC champion Oliver McCall against former champion Larry Holmes and Tony Tucker against Bruce Seldon for the vacated WBA title.

King, though, said Tyson's role at the fight was not set. Tyson earlier this week signed a contract with Showtime to fight on the network and do commentary for other fights.

"He's going to do something on the card," King said. "I'm not so sure what."

King, speaking publicly for the first time since Tyson's release from prison last Saturday, thanked the former champion for keeping him as his promoter.

King said Tyson would select his first opponent as well as the time of his first fight since being jailed on a rape charge more than three years ago.

Martinez marches into final

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, South Carolina, Apr 2: Conchita Martinez, the defending champion, continued her run of dominating tennis Saturday to reach the final of the Family Circle Cup, reports AP.

Martinez, ranked fourth in the world, overwhelmed Natasha Zvereva in little less than an hour 6-1, 6-2 and was poised for her first title since winning Wimbledon last year.

"My confidence is back," Martinez said. "You can't always expect an easy match in the semifinals, but I played very well."

Maodlena Maleeva, in only her second Family Circle appearance, beat unseeded Silvia Farina 6-4, 7-6 (7-5) in the other semifinal.

But Zvereva who dropped the final here to Martinez a year ago, didn't think it mattered, who faced the Spaniard.

"I don't think she'll have any problems whoever she's playing," Zvereva said. "I always give credit to another player, but I just think Conchita's game is a lot more suitable for clay."

Also Saturday, Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, the world's No 1 player, underwent a bone scan that revealed a stress fracture of her right leg's outside bone. Kathleen Stroia, the WTA's director of sports sciences and medicine, said the injury would require 3-to-6 weeks to heal.

"I'm a person who always thinks positive," said Sanchez Vicario, who will return to Spain on Sunday to start recuperating. "The most important thing now is to recover and come back strong."

Martinez has looked solid and efficient throughout the tournament, except at the start of her quarterfinal match with Iva Majoli. On Friday, Martinez lost six straight service games to fall behind 2-6, 0-3. But she recovered to win the final 12 games of the match in dominating fashion.

"A match like that gives you a lot of power," Martinez said.

She was on from the start against Zvereva, rushing to a 5-0 lead. Martinez took the first set on a blistering forehand deep into the corner as Zvereva stood watching.

Zvereva held serve making it 3-2 in the second set. But Martinez again switched to overdrive.

The next game, she sliced a nifty drop shot just out of reach, ran down a Zvereva drop for another winner and slammed a 96 mph ace to go up 4-2.

Martinez spun a serve in on match point that Zvereva couldn't handle, the return weakly tagging the net cord ticks before the game clock switched to one hour.

Maleeva, who became 20 Saturday, advanced to the final in four of her previous six tournaments, winning at Moscow; Linz, Austria, and Chicago. She went up 5-2 and, after Farina got back on serve, closed the set at love. Maleeva lost a 3-0 lead in the final set, finally winning the tiebreaker after trailing 5-1.

Maleeva, who took three weeks off to practice on clay, is the second member of her family to reach a Family Circle final. Her sister Manuela lost the 1987 title to Steffi Graf.

Pakistan maul Malaysia

LAHORE, Apr 2: Pakistan defeated Malaysia 4-1 by winning two reverse singles in the Davis Cup Asia/Oceania Zone two playoff here Sunday, reports AP.

On the first match, a grueling fight lasting two hours and 35 minutes, Pakistan's Mohammad Khaliq beat Malaysia's Selvan Veerasinghe 2-6, 6-3, 7-5, 6-3.

The second match was easily won by Pakistan's Omar Rashid who defeated R Ramachandran in straight sets 6-1, 6-2. The match was reduced to three sets after the first reverse singles gave Pakistan a decisive lead.

Malaysia's Adam Malik could not play Sunday because the team manager said he was not fit.

Pakistan began the day with a 2-1 lead.

On Friday, Pakistan's Mohammad Khaliq defeated Adam Malik in the first singles. The next day, Selvan Veerasinghe beat Omar Rashid in the second singles, but in the doubles he and R Ramachandran lost to the pairing of Khaliq and Rashid.

The visitors said they were at a disadvantage playing on a grass court and several years. Adam Malik said he and his companions had only three days of practice on grass before arriving here.

Seles' surprise appearance

WILLIAMSBURG, Virginia, Apr 2: Monica Seles, out of tennis since being stabbed during a match in April 1993, made a surprise appearance Saturday for the dedication of a three million dollar indoor tennis centre at William and Mary college, reports AP.

The McCormack-Nagelsen Tennis Centre is named for Mark McCormack, a William and Mary alumnus whose International Management Group represents Seles, and McCormack's wife, former tennis player Betsy Nagelsen.

McCormack footed much of the bill for the facility.

Seles, the former top-ranked women's player in the world, flew in from her home in Sarasota, Florida, for the dedication. She didn't play in the exhibition matches following the ceremony and refused to speak with reporters.

Bad back keeps Agassi away

PALERMO, Sicily, Apr 2: World No 2 Andre Agassi, reported suffering from lumbago, passed up his singles match against Italy in Davis Cup play Sunday, reports AP.

The result was meaningless since the United States had already clinched the tie on Saturday and moved into the semifinals against Sweden.

But the announcement that Jared Palmer was taking crowd-favourite Agassi's place drew derisive whistles from the 5,100 fans at the Palermo Tennis Club.

Agassi's teammate and world No 1 Pete Sampras called it "absurd" that the matches are required, but he played his.

Agassi's appearance on the US Davis Cup team was his first since the International Tennis Federation fined him \$2,500 in 1993 for failing to play a meaningless reverse singles against the Bahamas without an excuse.

This time, team doctor George Fareed certified that Agassi had "lower back strain," commonly called lumbago.

Indian spikers on a roll

MADRAS, Apr 2: The Indian junior volleyball squad today chalked out their third straight win in the Asian qualifying tournament, now underway at Zhang Zhou in China, to keep themselves on the verge of a World Cup berth, reports PTI.

India brilliantly spiked out Chinese-Taipei 3-0, winning 15-10, 15-10, 15-11 today. India who began with a 3-1 win over hosts China, carved out their second win with a hard fought 12-15, 15-5, 12-15, 15-11, 15-5 verdict over Pakistan yesterday, as per information received by the Volleyball Federation of India secretary, K Murugan, here.

Tomorrow, they take on Japan and play Australia in their last encounter on April 4. Two teams will qualify from this six-team round robin tournament for the World Championship to be held in Kuala Lumpur in July. Another win should gain India the passage.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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- Fun 'n' games, for short
- Attempts
- On the — vive
- Ostrich's cousin
- "MASH" home
- Cabaret singer
- Lemper
- Campus lodging
- Curve
- Watt's power
- Complaint
- Kreskin's forte
- Radar-screen sound
- Suocor
- Nerd
- "Grapes of Wrath" family
- Hypnotized
- Severe trial
- Get dressed in
- Foundations
- Polar

DOWN

- Mini pigeon emblem
- Bizarre fellow
- Caroline, to Eunice
- Ohio nine
- Chewed — the scenery
- Laboratory discoveries
- Read superficially
- Wanted by the police
- Acapulco gold
- Numerical prefix
- Chess pcs. "— when"
- Neither Rep. nor Dem.
- Turns pale
- Easter
- Young dander
- Apiece
- "This — stickup!"
- Status follower
- Want-ad offering
- Galena, for one
- Put two and two together
- Make-up artist?
- Pious
- Humbug
- Giraffe's kin
- Taken for granted
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- Pumps up the volume, for short
- Faint
- Altar
- affirmative
- Reed or Harrison
- Mai — (cocktail)

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: "HIS DOOR PEEPHOLE ISN'T WORKING PROPERLY." "DON'T WORRY, I'LL LOOK INTO IT."

Today's Cryptoquip clue: W equals H

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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