SPORTS TALK



Bill Clinton

(American President) "They (Olympic brganisers) didn't tell me who would light the flame, but when I saw it was you (Ali). I cried"

While expressing his emotion to legendary boxer Muhammad Ali.



COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Announcement TWO BITS OF A GOOD

Hey kids! From next week WHiZZ KID-51 to be precise there will be a new format. Two weeks to send in en-

Two thousand taka worth of prize bonds to win every fortnight.

Sports WHiZZ KID competition-50 √ Tick the Correct Answer

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1.	The fastest man in the Atlanta Olympic Games is		
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2.	Number of golds China won in the Atlanta Olympic Games are		
	12	14	16
3.	Who is the skipper of Nigerian Olympic soccer team		
	Amokachi	Kanu	Rashidi
4	Who won the first ever Olympic gold for Burundi?		
	Batten	Chelemo	Niyongabo
5.	Pakistan won their first Olympic		

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WHiZZ KID-49 winner

Emili Sharmin Shaheed Anwar High, School Dhaka Cantt

WHiZZ KID-49 Correct answers

1. Double Olympic gold medalist Marie-Jose Perec is Ans. French.

2. The electronic timing devices were first introduced Ans. Stockholm

3. Which country leads the opening ceremony march past in every Olympic Games? Ans. Greece.

4. The number of golds US swimmer Mark Spitz won in

the 1972 Olympics were Ans. Seven 5. Cricket was a gold medal

sport in 1900 Olympics. Who won the gold? Ans. Great Britain.

Batistuta stays at Fiorentina

FLORENCE, Aug 9: Fiorenting has extended the contract of Argentine striker Gabriel Batistuta through June 1999. the Italian First Division club announced Friday, reports AP. The club did not disclosed terms of the contract, which sources put at around 2 billion

Batistuta will be joined this season by new forwards Brazilian-born Belgian Luis Oliveira and Portuguese Rui Costa.

lire (1.3 million dollars) a

Jacquet's contract extended

PARIS, Aug 9: France's Euro '96 coach Aime Jacquet was confirmed today until the 1998 World Cup finals, reports

Reuter. The French Football Federation (FFF), which made the announcement at a news conference at FFF headquarters, had been expected to retain Jacquet for the World Cup finals which France will be hosting.

AKC, Farashganj brief the press

Abahani's icing on the cake

Sports Reporter

Reigning cham-Regarding their plan of inpions Abahani ducting foreigners, an annoved Krira Chakra will Tutul said, BFF has changed be more than the system of enrolling foreign ambitious this booters. The new system is very complicated. I think the vear. The Dhan-BFF should revise their deciclub, celebrating their silver sion, failing which we will not jubilee in 1996, will consider be able to field foreigners this

mondi-based

the Pre-mier Division football

league title the perfect icing

champs in the last two sea-

sons, are now dreaming of

their second hat-trick triumph

in the league, a feat unattained

by any other team in the Dhaka

the two Abahani football offi-

cials, manager Dewan Shafiul

Arefin Tutul and trainer Abdul

Gaffar, said while briefing re-

porters at the Bangladesh

Sports Journalists Association

office yesterday regarding the-

ir preparation for the forth-

coming Premier Division lea-

"Abahani and Moham-

medans have already won a

hat-trick of championships

once each. If we can win the

league title this year, it will be

our second hat trick. And, we

are eagerly waiting to make out

dream come true," said Tutul,

a former national star and Aba-

also a former Abahani and na-

initial camp from July 12 but

the full-fledged camp got un-

der away from July 24. Besides

Gaffar, former national goal-

keeper Motaleb is also coach-

Replying to a question

whether this short tenure is

sufficient for their preparation.

Gaffar said, "This is no enough.

A team needs at least four to

six weeks time for its prepa-

About the strength of the

team, manager Tutul said. "We

have organised the best that

we could. We have five national

booters from Muktijoddha in

our side this year. They have

definitely increased our

strength. What we need now is

coordination among the old

nesses in their team, the Aba-

hani officials were prompt to

indicate the midfield. "Barun

and Swapan are at present our

only bonafide midfielders. We

need at least another two. Our

defence and forward line are

excellent," added trainer Gaf-

When asked about weak-

and the new-comers.

ing Abahani this year.

ration."

tional winger, they began their'

According to trainer Gaffar,

hani defender

In a nutshell, that is what

The sky blues outfit.

on the cake.

league.

About the pool system, the Abahani officials termed it an undemocratic step against the footballers. "Our position is clear in this regard. We opposed the idea in the DMFA meeting. But you know, the proposal was passed by 16-4 votes," informed Tutul.

The Abahani officials also demanded foreign referees to conduct their matches. Finally, when asked whe-

ther they had any role in keeping national booters Mizan. Rakib, Barun, Rumi and Ma-

mun Joarder out of Muktijoddha's seven-player binding list, a careful Abahani manager said, "No, we have not done anything behind the curtain. In fact, we were ready to take any player from Muktijoddha's non-binding list. It's our luck. we got what we hoped for."

Abahani apart, Farashgani Sporting Club also had their briefing yesterday. Manager Niranjan Ghosh Haran, coach Pran Govinda Kundu and captain Kazi Nazrul Islam were present for the Old Dhakabased club.

Farashganj, seventh in the last season, have begun their training at the Jagannath University ground from July 24 and their aim this year is to fight for the fifth position.

According to coach Pran Govinda his team will do bet ter than last year.





Officials of Abahani (above) and Farashganj SC (below) exchanging their views with the journalists regarding their preparation for the Premier Division football league at the BSJA office yesterday. - Star photo

Finland's ray of hope



(Reuter): Football and Finland: It's hardly one of the world's success stories. As a talking point. Finns prefer ice hockey, or even the

A nation of five million, they have had international success

in many sports, well out of proportion to the size of the population, but never in soc-Of Finlands 70 or so World

Cup qualifying matches since 1938, they have won 12. But now there is a glimmer of hope.

Success for Ajax Amsterdam striker Jari Litmanen has helped to raise soccer's profile slightly in his home country. And if there is a way to

breathe life into football in chilly Finland, Richard Moeller-Nielsen ... the Dane who took over as coach of the national team in July -- must surely be well qualified to find

In 1992 he guided a Danish 'team without stars" into soccer's history books when they were included as replacements for Yugoslavia in the European Championship finals and humbled world champions Germany 2-0 to win the title.

Now the affable 58-year old has found another underdog. "I think I can give Finnish football a push forwards," he said after making his first rounds of the league teams playing off during soccer's

short summer season. Moeller-Nielsen, who has earned a somewhat unconventional reputation for his musings on the connection between his mother's corset and the "bones" of a football team,

CHEUNG CHAU, Hong

Kong, Aug 9: Hong Kong rolled

out the red carpet on Wednes-

day in a rapturous welcome for

windsurfer Lee Lai-Shan when

she returned with the British

colony's first and last Olympic

Lion dancers pranced, cym-

bals clashed and drums

throbbed when 'San San' as

she is affectionately known,

arrived at her village home on

one of Hong Kong's outlying is-

thronged the streets to cheer

her motorcade from the air-

port and on to the high-speech

catamaran which whicked her

home with its foghorns blaring.

one for the people of Hong

Kong, giving them an excuse to

briefly cast aside their anxi-

eties in the uncertain days

leading to the handover to

The 25-year-old champion

told reporters her most pre-

cious moment came when she

stepped up to receive her

China on June 30 next year.

Lee's victory was a poignant

Tens of thousands of people

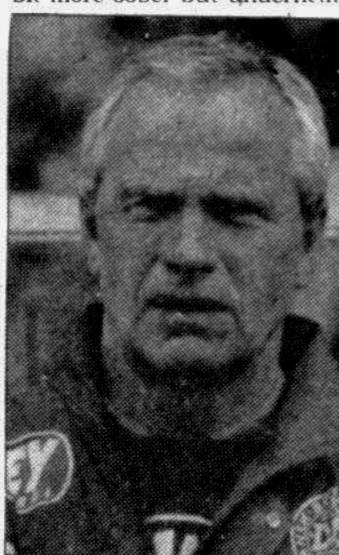
gold medal, reports Reuter.

says he chose Finland over some offers from warmer climates.

After only a few weeks in the country, he is already familiar with the national characteristic that he hopes can transform the side into winners: Sisu, which means guts, determination, and stubborn

> It's a funny world, footballers are quite like the nature in their country. In Denmark we have no rocks. it's green and soft, there's no life the hard day, no rocks," he

> "Finnish people are maybe a bit more sober but underneath



RICHARD M NIELSEN they are a rock. That sisu, I believe very much in that." But his first job is to con-

vince a side accustomed to losing to start believing in their potential. "When the Finnish national

"I am looking at the Hong

Many sports officials in the

The proud inhabitants of

Kong flag, now we are standing

in the middle with the Hong

Kong anthem, that is my most

important memory, I think,"

colony fear the 1996 Games

were the last at which a Hong

Kong team would attend in its

Cheung Chau, where Lee grew

up and first set foot on a wind-

surfer at the age of 12, covered

the planks of the wooden jetty

with a red carpet and deco-

rated the waterfront with fairy

Ctg football

CHITTAGONG, Aug 9: Pa-thantooly Boys Club blanked

Little Flowers 10-0 in the in-

augural match of Seraj Kishore

football league at the Dampara

Police Lines ground here to-

half 4-0. Saiful netted four

goals while Liakat scored two

and Shahriar, Aminul, Rasel,

The winners led the first

day, reports BSS.

lgbal scored once.

she said in English.

own right

side comes out they're so shy." he said. "But looks as if they're taking their hats off and putting them under their arms, saying "Sorry we're

"I say you are exactly as good as the other human beings, I imagine they all boil their eggs in plain water."

He insists he sees promise here beyond of isolated genius of Litmanen, Ajax's all-time second highest scorer in European competition with 19 goals behind Johan Cruyff's 23. "They absolutely have players with ideas," he said.

"My first impressions are that they are in good physical condition. They train well and every team is well-organised. But the big atmosphere is missing," he said. "That's the thing I hope to bring in." That problem stems from a

lack of fans. Finnish youths dedicate their time and passion to ice hockey.

"The clubs and coaches prepare the players in a very. very fine way but the whole atmosphere, the pressure, is not high enough," said Moeller-Nielsen.

Litmanen has helped by becoming a national hero despite being a mere footballer. Average attendance at league matches so far this season has risen, by 32, to 2,218 per match.

But Moeller-Nielsen says he will be relying on his stars and hype than on team spirit and hard work. "As far as I know the only

way to success if hard work. I can't promise success, but I promise hard work," he said. Then with a smile, remembering 1992: "The more you prepare yourself, the luckier

'San San' their last glory lights, red and gold lanterns symbolising prosperity and giant hoardings.

Shops and hawker stalls overlooking Cheung Chau Harbour were festooned with pennants. Silk banners congratulating Lee fluttered from the masts of fishing junks. "Queen of the wind ... con-

queror of 10,000 miles of waves," the banners said. "The whole village is in uproar. We're very, very happy and proud of her," Lee's"

former primary school teacher Chan Sui-Song said. "We have to bring pride to Hong Kong," Lee later told well-wishers as she fought

back tears. Lee has been showered with tributes, gifts - including a kilo of solid gold - sponsorship offers and cash since her triumph at the Centennial Games in Atlanta. Hong Kong airline Cathay

Pacific has offered five years of free travel while the subway and ferry companies have promised her free rides for

Greens lift BKSP Cup hockey title

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh green hockey team lifted the first BKSP Cup hockey title when they defeated Bangladesh red outfit in the tie-breaker (9-8) at the BKSP's Savar ground yesterday The match was tied 2-2 in the scheduled 70 minutes.

Raju put the greens ahead in the 12th minute through a field goal that was negated within minutes by the reds. only to wait for Roni's shot from a penalty corner to again take the lead in the 19th minute.

For reds, Kamal and Rubel levelled the match with one goal each in the 15th and 62nd minutes

Earlier in the morning Bangladesh green qualified for the final beating hosts BKSP also in the tiebreaker.

Maj Gen Abdur Rab, presi dent of Bangladesh Hockey Federation, witnessed the final in the afternoon and distributed prizes among the winners.

The champions Bangladesh green team received 16,000 taka cash as prize money while the runners-up side earned eight thousand taka.

TEAMS

Bangladesh green: Tushar, Asir, Sadeq, Roni, Shipu, Mitul, Ehtesham, Siraj, Ashik. Raju, Sadik, Ramiz and Jamel. Bangladesh red: Javed

Alam, Rabi, Alamgir, Khokon,

Meer Monowar

Nixon, Isa Mia, Kamal, Harun, Musa Mia. Mamun, Rubel and Khurshid. Umpires: A Razzak and

Nat'l TT Ansars, Rajshahi in women's team final

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Ansars and hosts Rajshahi moved into the women's team final of the 21st national table tennis championships winning their respective semifinals at the Rajshahi gymnasium yesterday.

According to a faxed message received here last night. defending champions Ansars ousted Narail 3-0 in the first semifinal while Rajshahi eliminated last year's runners-up Barguna 3-1 in the next match

In the boys' team event, Bangladesh Biman reached the semifinals with a 3-0 win over Gaibandha in their first round group B final encounter.

Besides, eight first round clashes in the men's team event were also held yesterday in the day's matches. Biman beat Dinajpur 3-0. Narail defeated Patuakhali 3-0, Rajshahi eliminated Tangail 3-1, Jessore tamed Bagerhat 3-0, Munshigani ousted Naogaon 3-1, Dhaka outplayed Khulna 3-0. Habigani beat Moulvibazar 3-0 and Ansars outgunned Jhalakathi 3-0.

Dhaka Club golf

Sports Reporter

Rezaur Rahman and Lutte Najib Khan Rumi became champion and runner up respectively in a golf tournament, organised yesterday in celebration of the 85th foundation day of the Dhaka Club.

The tournament was held at the Dhaka Club golf course yesterday morning.

Other winners are: Shawkatuzzaman Babu (best gross), R. Amin Bappi (longest drive). Iqbal Mahmud (rearest to the pin), Kutubuddin Chowdhury (guest champion) and A K M Belaluddin (guest runner-up)

Sacchi's job safe

ROME. Aug 9: Italian national football coach Arrigo Sacchi, whose position has been under threat since his side's poor showing at Euro '96, is likely to keep his job following a deadlock in Tuesday's football federation presidential elections, reports

Even the Italian sports press, who have launched ferocious attack on Sacchi capabilities, predicted Thursday that the federation would be too preoccupied with its own administrative problems to replace the coach before the start of the season.

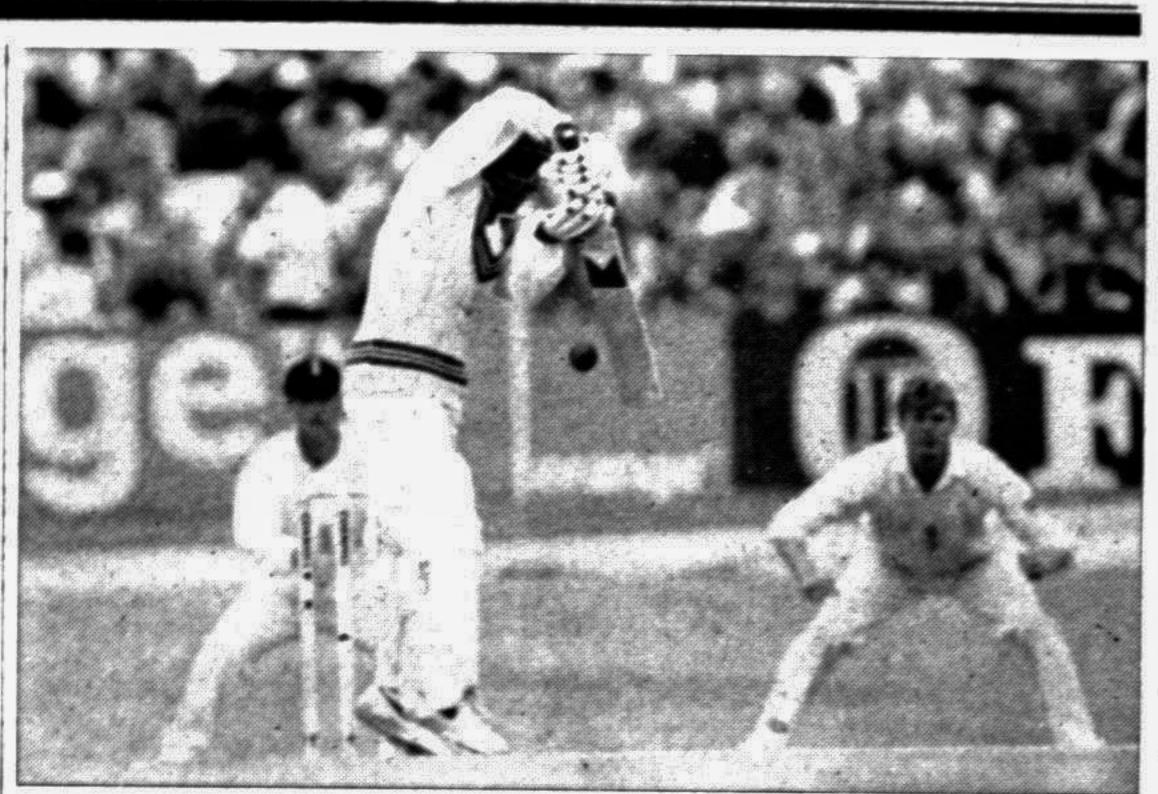
Representatives of 5,500 professional and amateur clubs met in Rome for more than 12 hours on Tuesday. But, despite two rounds of voting, failed to decide upon a replacement for Antonio Matarrese.

A bitter clash between Luciano Nizzola, representing Serie A and Serie B, and Serie C president Giancarlo Abete highlighted deep splits between the three national divisions. In the short term, the dispute is likely to be solved by the appointment of an interim president.

Bangladesh team back home

. The Bangladesh team returned home Thursday after taking part in the 26th Olympics at Atlanta, reports Bangladesh participated in

athletics, swimming and shooting in the Olympics with the financial assistance from the Olympic solidarity fund.



Pakistan's lower-order bat Asif Mujtaba takes evasive action off an Andy Caddic rising delivery. Mujtaba, playing in place of injured vice-captain Aamir Schail, contributed a watchful 51 to Pakistan's first innings total of 448 against England at Headingley yesterday.

giving ljaz the latitude to col-

lect to his third hundred in

SCOREBOARD

day of the second Test be-

tween England and Pakistan at

PAKISTAN: First innings

Scoreboard on the second

the last four Tests.

Headingley today:

Salim Malik b Cork

Wasim Akram c Russell

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Saeed Anwar c Atherton

Shadab Kabir Ibw b Caddick

Itaz Ahmed c Russell b Cork

Inzamam-ul-Haq c Atherton

Asif Mujtaba c Thorpe b Cork

Moin Khan c Russell b Cork

Mushtag Ahmed c Atherton

Waqar Younis c and b Cork

Extras: (b-4, fb-10 nb-10)

Ataur Rehman not out

Total: (153 overs)

Moin stages mighty show



In reply to Pakistan's first innings total of 448. England got off to a solid start rea hing 104 for one at close on the second day of

the second Test at Headingley yesterday. Ope-ner Alec Stewart remained unbeaten on 52. Earlier, Pakistan's stand-in wicketkeeper Moin Khan, recalled into the Test team after an injury to regular keeper

ing 105. He took a risky single off the last ball before tea to score his third century and help Pakistan take command of the second Test of the threematch series. Moin, who shared a sixth wicket 112-run partnership with Asif Mujtaba. dived at full-length to make his 100th run.

Rashid Latif, stole the spotlight

on the day blasting a scintillat-

During his 181-ball innings. Mom took the full advantage of his inclusion cracking 10 fours and one six, agencies add. Mullally took the prize

wickets of Saeed Anwar and

Inzamam-ul-Haq Thursday to help reduce Pakistan to 281 for six overnight, but he had a dreadful start to Friday's play. Moin hadn't added to his overnight eight not out when - on the eighth ball of the

morning - he clipped Andy

Caddick to deep backward square, but Mullally spilt a sit-Three overs later Mullally was bowling and Moin hit the same shot down to Alec Stewart whose safe hands grabbed the easy chance — but umpire Steve Bucknor signaled a no-

ball, and England was again

Sports Reporter

Moin. clearly unaffected by length - and often too wide his narrow escapes, launched Dominic Cork over the top for a huge six and just before lunch he glanced the gentle swing of Graham Thorpe down to the fine leg boundary to reach his half-century, pushing Pakistan to a lunchtime score of 350 for six.

Moin and Asif scored slowly at the start of the second session, and a rare boundary brought up Asif's eighth Test half-century.

Dominic Cork finally made the breakthrough for the dispirited England - already down 1-0 in the series - when he had Asif caught behind for 51 making the score 378 for Moin decided to hurry the

pace and, relying on his somewhat unorthodox hooking and pulling style, hit Cork and Caddick over mid-wicket for another two fours, and registered Pakistan's 400 by smashing Caddick over his head to the long-on boundary. Moin came out after tea to

edged Cork to wicketkeeper Jack Russell - who claimed his 150th test dismissal making it 434 for eight. In fading light Cork had his fifth wicket when he caught

try and drive home Pakistan's

advantage, but on 105 he

Waqar Younis for seven off his own bowling to have Pakistan 444 for nine. On Thursday, Atherton won the toss for the first time this summer which has already

seen a series against India and badly needed early results on 7-378; 8-434; 9-444 Bowling: Caddick Mullally

3-103; 4-233; 5-252; 6-266;

Fall of wickets : 1-1; 2-98;

Lewis 4 100 7 1 1 3 Cork Thorpe **ENGLAND:** First innings M Atherton c Moin Khan b Wasim

A Stewart not out N Hussain not out Extras: (b-2. lb-1) Total: (for one wicket, 25 overs) Fall of wicket: 1-14, Bowling (to date): O

Wasim Akram Wagar Younis Ataur-Rehman Mushtaq Ahmed 8

hammered five sixes and 13

fours, racing from 50 to 100 in

just 33 deliveries, as Surrey

piled up 366 for six in their

second innings for a lead of

beaten on 119, while Mark

Butcher and Nadeem Shahid

both weighed in with 66

ing on 128 for five slumped to

145 all out, Martin Bicknell

(five for 48) and Joey Benjamin

(four for 38) doing the damage.

seamer Simon Brown, became

the first Durham bowler to

take 300 first-class with a

three for 71 haul as

Warwickshire were dismissed

David Cox who took most of

Warwickshire two years ago -

But it was left-arm spinner

Cox made his debut against

for 306 at Durham.

the plaudits.

Another England discard.

Earlier, Lancashire, resum-

apiece.

He eventually finished un-

Gooch hits hefty hundred

Southport, a 109-ball century

by Brendon Julian strength-

ened third-placed Surey's grip

on their contest with

The Australian all-rounder

Lancashire.

an overcast Yorkshire day.

bowled short of the ideal

But the attack habitually



derned a wicket.

LONDON, Aug 9: English county championship leaders Leicestershire took control on the first day of their

clash with Glamorgan on Thursday before rain wrecked proceedings after tea at Swansea, reports Reuter. Leicestershire, three points clear of out-of-action Yorkshire

for three off 73 overs thanks to excellent knocks from Ben Smith (82 not out) and Phil Simmons (79 not out). The fourth-wicket pair added 154 in 38 overs between lunch and tea to build on the encouraging platform

provided by openers Vince

with a game in hand at the

start of the day, reached 298

Wells (44) and Darren Maddy The 125th first-class century of Graham Gooch's brilliant career was the highlight at Taunton where Essex finished the day on 417 for six against Somerset.

The former England skipper bludgeoned his way to 186 not out, with Stuart Law (63) and Test discard Ronnie Iani (87) providing excellent sup-

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piece 48 Hwy.

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finishing with the worst firstclass figures in Durham's history, nought for 163, as Brian Lara constructed his world record 501. But he went some way towards erasing that bitter memory on Thursday with a career-best five for 97.

CRYPTOQUIP

AWDQZ, LA JAKQ

DPZLQF. JDMFDPZY PZ YMFDQZ? Yesterday's Cryptoquip: YOU COULD SAY THAT FADDISH CUISINE IS PLAINLY A FLASH IN THE PAN.

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

Today's Cryptoquip clue: W equals F
The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.