

Column One SPORTS TALK



Steffi Graf (World No 1 tennis player) 'I was surprised in the beginning, because it came so suddenly. On Gabriela Sabatini's retirement.

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Sports WHIZZ KID competition-59

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Asian Cup China fill in the blank

AL AIN, United Arab Emirates, Dec 12: Ali Dib scored the game-winner in the 72nd minute to give Syria a 2-1 victory over Uzbekistan on Friday.

King Hassan Trophy Czechs beat Nigeria

CASABLANCA, Morocco, Dec 12: The Czech Republic conceded two penalties on their way to a 2-1 win over Nigeria in the opening game of the four-nation King Hassan Trophy in Casablanca on Wednesday, reports Reuters.

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Friday 13th December (All programmes are in local time. There may be changed in group programmes)

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A goalmouth action from yesterday's Bijoy Dibash Cup hockey encounter between Abahani Krira Chakra and Bangladesh Air Force at the hockey stadium. -Star photo

Asian foes renew rivalry today Holland storm into final

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Nat'l soccer results

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C'wealth Open championship Mitrakanth stays atop

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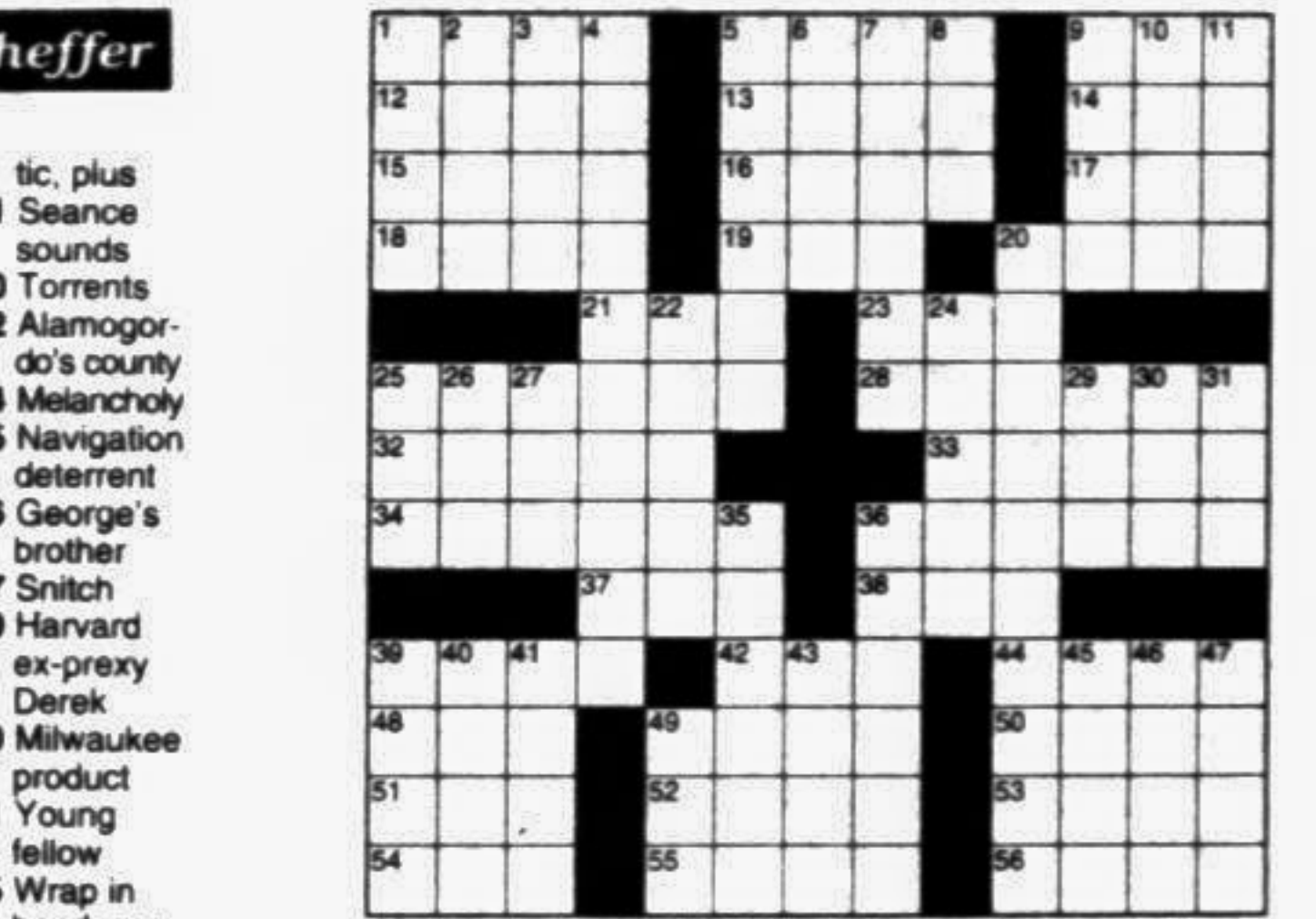
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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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CRYPTOQUIP E L H B R W X E Q R B L T R H R T B L A Y D E D R E W V K E W E Z Y T D L T Y V Y V E X R W B Q W E Z K

Yesterday's Cryptokuip: THE MASTERFUL ITALIAN CHEF IS PROUD INDEED OF HIS PASTORAL PERFORMANCES. Today's Cryptokuip clue: Q equals K. The Cryptokuip 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.

The Daily Star Entertainment Guide

Friday 13th December (All programmes are in local time. There may be changed in group programmes) BTV, BBC, CHANNEL V, STAR SPORTS, STAR MOVIES, EL TV, ZEE TV, DD 7, PTV, EL TV, ZEE TV, DD 7, PTV