

Column One

Sports

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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Sports WHIZZ KID competition-65

✓ Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes 8 pm, March 14, '97

- Who won the three-nation cricket tournament held in South Africa recently?
1 India 2 South Africa 3 Zimbabwe
- How many Tests will Sri Lanka play in their New Zealand tour?
1 2 3 4
- Who is the top-ranked woman tennis player at the moment?
1 Steffi 2 Hingis 3 Monica
- Who lifted the boys' singles title in the BEXIMCO junior tennis championships?
1 Dani 2 Mahadevan 3 Phomphon
- The BCB XI team touring Pakistan is skippered by
1 Lito 2 Faruque 3 Sumon

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SPORTS TALK



Chris Silverwood
(England fast bowler)
"I hate batsmen. If I don't get them out I want to murder them. There is no time to be a nice guy if you have a ball in your hand."

Pak plan dropped

ISLAMABAD, Mar 13: Pakistan has dropped a plan to host games for women from 26 Muslim countries due to financial constraints. An aide to Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif announced on Wednesday, reports AFP.

Mushahid Hussain told the official Associated Press of Pakistan (APP) news agency the new government had decided to cancel wasteful projects to avoid additional burdens on the national exchequer.

The women solidarity games were scheduled for October by the government of ousted Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto.

Kiwis set for sweeping series

Wake-up call for Lanka

HAMILTON, New Zealand, Mar 13: Sri Lanka will need to play with greater responsibility if they hope to square their Test series with resurgent New Zealand, coach Bruce Yardley said Thursday, reports Agence.



ARJUNA RANATUNGA
New Zealand won the first Test of the two-match series by an innings and 36 runs in Dunedin earlier this week and goes into the second Test, which starts Friday, confident of sweeping the series.

Meanwhile, from Colombo, a Sri Lankan cricket board official said, they will send two one-day specialist players to New Zealand to be included in

the squad for the three one-day internationals starting on March 22.

All-rounders Ruwan Kalpage and Upul Chandana will leave Sri Lanka on Wednesday to join the team at Hamilton. Daramika Ranatunga, chief executive of the board of control for cricket said.

The two players will replace batsman Duleep Samaraweera and fast medium pace bowler Promodika Wickremasinghe, who will return to Sri Lanka, Ranatunga said.

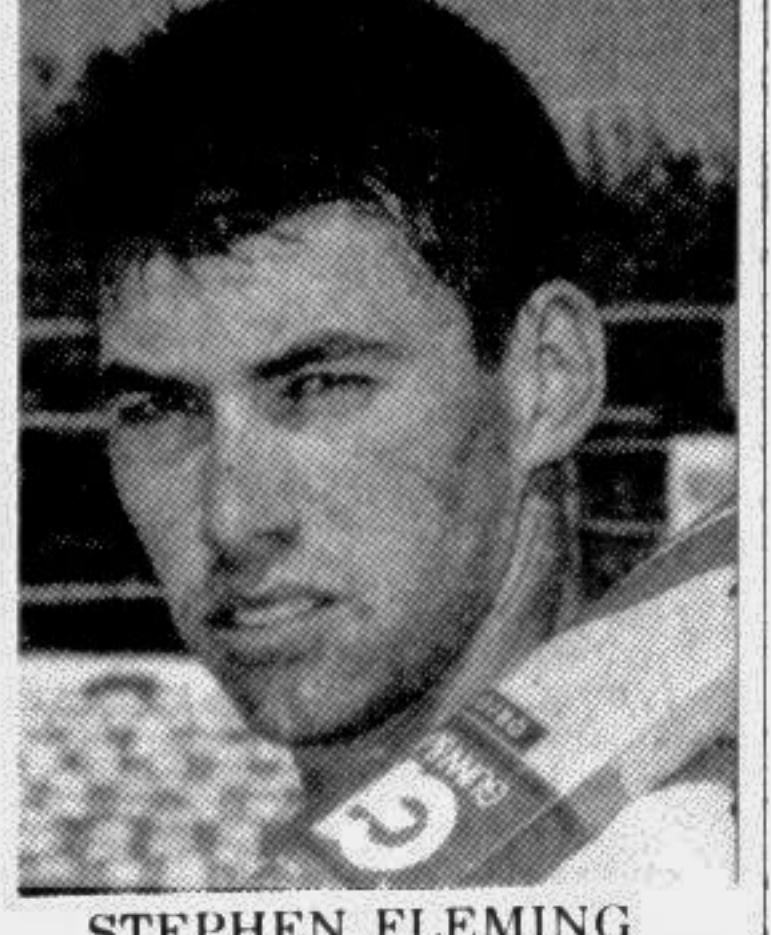
He said the move was not in response to Sri Lanka's innings defeat to New Zealand in the first Test match concluded in Dunedin on Monday.

"(Kalpage and Chandana) will play only in the one-day games," Ranatunga said. "But if they arrive on time and if the management feels they should play in the Test match, then they can."

Despite the mauling they suffered in Dunedin, coach Yardley said his players are confident of turning around their form.

"They were in a similar position in Pakistan last year but came back to win the second Test," Yardley said. "They are quite adamant they can win this one."

New Zealand, which made a superb start under the leadership of Stephen Fleming in Dunedin, wants a win but needs



STEPHEN FLEMING
two good results. Fleming said. "But we now have the chance to rectify that."

Both sides completed their preparations Thursday, but are undecided about the composition of their starting lineups.

New Zealand are anxious about the fitness of fast bowler Heath Davis, who struggled during the first Test with Achilles tendon and knee problems.

Second Test from today

Bishop's fate uncertain

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Mar 13: West Indies fast bowler Ian Bishop is fighting to overcome a hamstring strain in time to play in the second Test against India which starts on Friday in Port of Spain, reports Reuter.

Bishop left the field on the last day of the drawn first Test on Monday without bowling a ball in India's second innings because of what West Indies team manager Clive Lloyd described as "a slight tightness of the hamstring."

The 30-year-old Trinidadian bowled well for figures of three for 62 in the first innings and would dearly love to perform for his home fans.

Fellow Trinidadian Mervyn Dillon has been named as stand-by.

West Indies captain Courtney Walsh said the injury was not serious. "He had a slight stiffness in his hamstring," said Walsh. "I told him to come out and move around in case we got a couple of wickets (and there was a need for him to bowl)."

"We did not get the early wickets we expected so we decided it would not have cost us much to send him off to get some treatment."

Graveney waiting in the wings

LONDON, Mar 13: England are expected to name David Graveney as the new chairman of selectors in succession to Ray Illingworth — but he is unlikely to be given the full powers enjoyed by his controversial predecessor, reports AFP.

Graveney, 44, challenged Illingworth for the job this time last year but was forced into an embarrassing withdrawal as his employers, the Cricket Association, decided there was a clash of interests.

But the Players Union have now given former Gloucestershire and Durham captain Graveney their blessing to continue as their general secretary. Graveney will be able to combine both jobs now because of a new definition being given to the chairman of selectors' role.

It will be a deliberately low-profile position with an emphasis on organisation and administration.

England's captain and coach, plus England cricket board bosses like Bob Bennett, chairman of the new England management committee, and English Cricket Board (ECB) chairman Lord Maclaurin will run the national team.

Graveney, who managed the successful England 'A' tour of Australia in the winter, has emerged in recent months as the only credible candidate for a post.

His new responsibilities will include the 'A' team and national age group sides, as well as the seniors, but he will not be charged with disciplinary decisions, unlike Illingworth and his predecessors.

Under the reorganisation carried out by the new ECB, which replaced the TECB, the chairman of selectors job is now awarded by Bennett's management committee, although nominations can be put forward by the counties, or individuals.

Kishoreganj cricket

KISHOREGANJ, Mar 13: Kishoreganj district cricket league, organised by the District Sports Association, begins at the local stadium here tomorrow, reports UNB.

A total of 14 teams in four groups will take part in the meet.

In the inaugural match, Moinul Islam Smity Sangsad will face Moinul Future.

Bohdan ends Pete's run

INDIAN WELLS, California, Mar 12: World number one Pete Sampras suffered his first loss of the year on Wednesday when 43rd-ranked Czech Bohdan Ulihrach beat him 7-6 (7-5), 7-5 in the second round of the Champions Cup, reports Reuter.

Sampras arrived on Stadium Court having won all 17 matches he played in 1997 and

In addition to Sampras, the curtain came down Wednesday on fourth seed Goran Ivanisevic of Croatia, sixth seed Thomas Enqvist of Sweden and 15th seed Alex Corretja of Spain.

Heading into just the third round of action, the 16 seeds have been diminished to five.

In the top half, only 14th seed Alberto Berasategui of Spain remains. Seeds still remaining in the bottom half are second seed Thomas Muster of

Austria, third seed and defending champion Michael Change, eighth seed Carlos Moya of Spain and 13th seed Marc Rosset of Switzerland.

Before the shock of Sampras's losing could even sink in, the fifth-ranked Ivanisevic came to next stadium court victim as 53rd-ranked wildcard American Jonathan Stark needed only 65 minutes to outplay the Croatian 7-5, 6-3.

"Today on the court, I didn't feel it," Ivanisevic said. "I wasn't pumped."

On an outside court, 55th-ranked Chris Woodruff, a semi-finalist last week in Scottsdale, upset eight-ranked Enqvist 6-4, 6-4.

A hand injury forced the 22nd-ranked Corretja from the competition with 59th-ranked Slava Dosedel of Czech Republic leading 6-4, 4-1.

Both Sampras and Ulihrach analysed their one hour, 28 minutes match as less a case of the Czech playing well than the American playing subpar. And that left Sampras totally frustrated.

"I really didn't perform at my best, nowhere near it," Sampras admitted. "It's tough to accept when you don't play the way you want to play. I can only beat myself up so much by talking about it."

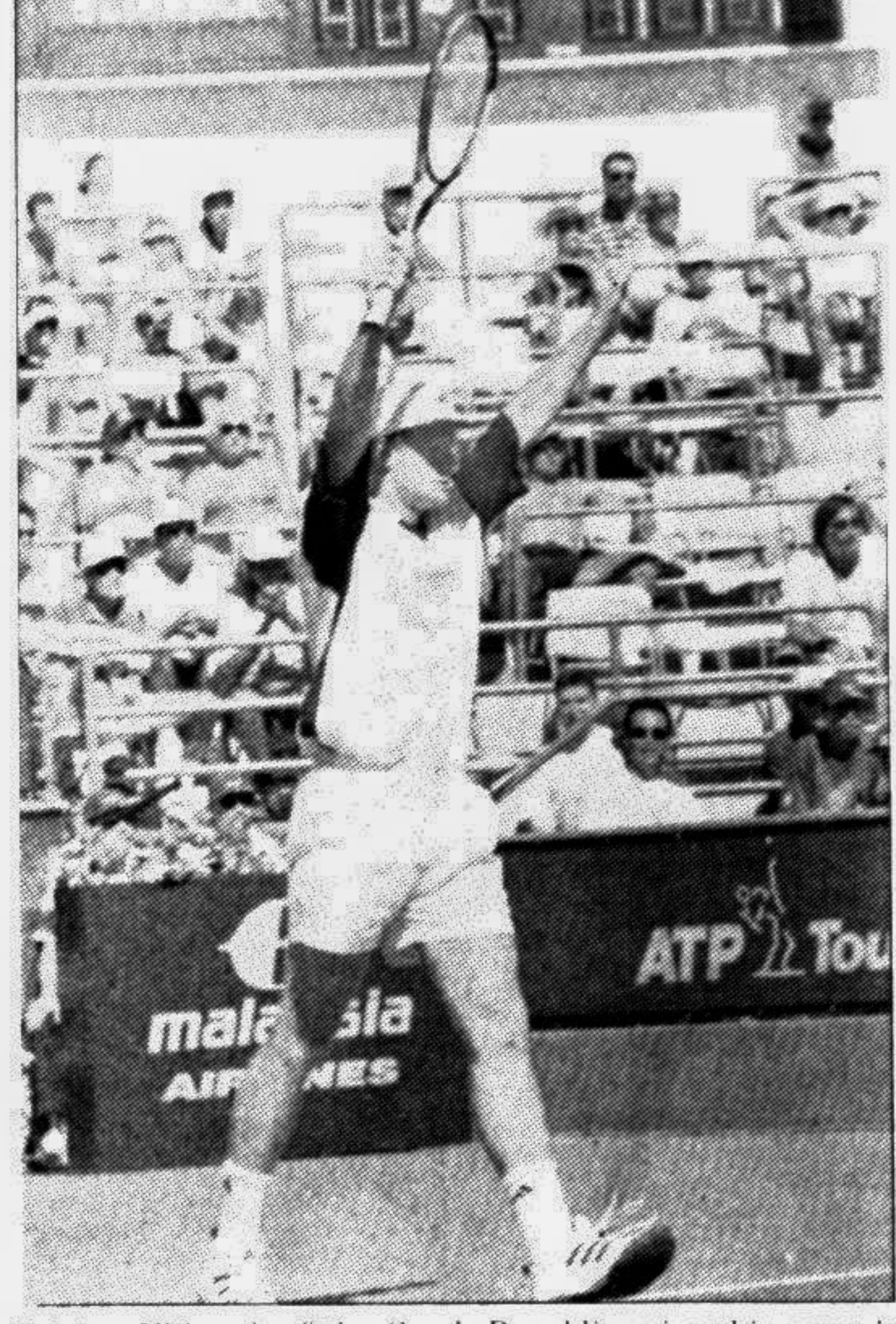
Ulihrach was pleased to win his second victory in three matches against Sampras.

"You can imagine how nice it is to beat him because he won 20 matches in a row," Ulihrach said. "It's an unbelievable feeling. I didn't expect to win today."

Sampras, a former two-time champion here, had three set points in the 12th game, but there was never to be any service break in the first set.

On Sampras's serve on to final point of the tiebreaker, Ulihrach benefited when he hit a forehand from the baseline that nicked the net and tumbled over onto Sampras's side.

The players tried service breaks in the opening two games of the second set and stayed on serve until the last game. Serving at 30-30 in the 12th game, Sampras netted a forehand half volley and then fell victim to a screeching forehand crosscourt passing shot on the final point.



Bohdan Ulihrach of the Czech Republic raises his arms in ecstasy after beating world number one American Pete Sampras during their Champions Cup tennis tournament in Indian Wells, California on March 12. The unseeded Czech won 7-6, 7-5.

With an overall 20-match winning streak. He also had won 34 consecutive hardcourt matches, dating back to August 1996.

With the premature departure of several stars, the tournament could become a splendid opportunity for players normally relegated to an under study role.

US Davis Cup squad named

CARLSBAD, California, Mar 13: Andre Agassi, Jonathan Stark and Rick Leach will join Jim Courier on the US Davis Cup squad that will play the Netherlands in the quarterfinals next month, US captain Tom Gullikson announced Wednesday, reports Reuter.

Gullikson had named Courier to the team late last month, but held off selecting the rest of the squad due to the uncertain status of several top American players.

The 13th-ranked Agassi has struggled to find his form of late but takes a 22-4 singles record and a 13-match Davis Cup winning streak into the April 4-6 quarter final on hard court at the Palisades Tennis Club in Newport Beach, California.

Agassi last played Davis Cup in the 1995 semifinal victory over Sweden and was a member of the US Davis Cup-winning teams in 1990 and 1992.

"These three players, along with Jim Courier, all have Davis Cup experience", Gullikson said in a statement issued by the United States Tennis Association.

"Agassi and Courier give us outstanding singles firepower, and Leach and Stark are a force in doubles", Gullikson said.

Leach, 7-1 in Davis Cup doubles, also was a member of the Cup-winning team in 1990 with former partner Jim Pugh.

Stark and Leach, the world's fifth-ranked doubles team, reached the Australian Open semifinals this year.

Courier, a member of Cup-winning teams in 1992 and 1995, won both his singles matches in the opening round against Brazil this year to raise his Davis Cup record to 11-7.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

তত্ত্বাবধায়ক প্রকৌশলীর কার্যালয়, জনস্বাস্থ্য প্রকৌশল

ভাঙ্গার সার্কেল, ১৭৫-১৭৮, কাকরাইল, ঢাকা-১০০০

সকল পরিবারে স্যানিটারী পায়খানা ব্যবহার করুন

সংক্ষিপ্ত দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

(৪র্থ আহবান)

১৯৯৬-৯৭ইং অর্থ বৎসরে জিওবি-৪ প্রকল্পের জন্য দ্বিতীয় বিনদর্শন ও শর্তাবলী মোতাবেক ৩৮ মিঃমিঃ ব্যাসের বিএস-৩০০০ "ডি" ক্লাশ পিভিসি পাইপ সরবরাহের নিমিত্তে পূর্ণাঙ্গীকৃতসম্পন্ন প্রস্তুতকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হইতে বাংলাদেশ ফরম নং ১০০৮-এ পূর্ণক সীলমোহরকৃত আবদ্ধ যামে দরপত্র আহবান করা যাইতেছে। দরপত্রের বিস্তারিত শর্তাবলী, স্পেসিফিকেশন, বিল অব কোয়ানটিটিস, বাংলাদেশ ফরম নং ১৯০৮ এবং অন্যান্য প্রয়োজনীয় দলিলাদিসমূহ নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, জনস্বাস্থ্য প্রকৌশল, ভাঙ্গার বিভাগ, ঢাকা/চট্টগ্রাম/খুলনা/নাটোর-এর কার্যালয়ে হইতে আগামী ১২-৩-৯৭ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে লগ্নে নির্ধারিত মূল্যে (অফারযোগ্য) ক্রয় করা যাইবে। দরপত্রসমূহ নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, জনস্বাস্থ্য প্রকৌশল, ভাঙ্গার বিভাগ, ঢাকা/চট্টগ্রাম/খুলনা/নাটোরের কার্যালয়ে সন্নিবিষ্ট বাজেট আশায়ী ২০-৩-৯৭ইং তারিখ দুপুর ১২-০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত একযোগে প্রদর্শিত হইবে এবং ২০-৩-৯৭ইং তারিখ সকাল ১০-০০ ঘটিকার সময় তত্ত্বাবধায়ক প্রকৌশলী, জনস্বাস্থ্য প্রকৌশল, ভাঙ্গার সার্কেল, ১৭৫-১৭৮, কাকরাইল (কাকরাইল মসজিদের সামনে), ঢাকা-এর কার্যালয়ে দরপত্রদাতা অথবা তাহাদের মনোনীত পতিনিধিগণের উপস্থিতিতে যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন। দরপত্রসমূহ হোলা হইবে।

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Brazilian soccer legend and Sports Minister Pele (L) greets French President Jacques Chirac at a welcome ceremony in Brasilia on March 12. Chirac is there on a three-day official visit.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS	DOWN
1 Plastic surgery jobs	1 Absolutely
2 Major whirlwind	2 Put to work
3 The Mikado	3 Aquarium fish
4 Violent windstorm	4 Succor
5 Devout	5 Major
6 Old Testament book	6 Incite
7 Emerson or 28 Clappett	7 Canceled
8 Pinnacle	8 The Mikado
9 Strip-tease star	9 Off
10 Ann's predecessor	10 Violent
11 Sought silver	11 Windstorm
12 More of a challenge	12 A total of 14 teams in four groups
13 Spigot	13 Paul
14 Precipitation	14 Precipitation
15 Charged particles	15 Paul
16 Tire pattern	16 Precipitation
17 Good loser?	17 Precipitation
18 Animal quarter's town	18 Precipitation
19 White House occupant	19 Precipitation
20 Peregrinate	20 Precipitation
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QNWGLHGT "LDGM CBKG
TRHL WNUG XNKC
QZUG LDGM NBUR

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: ISN'T IT TRUE? POPULAR ARTISTS CAN SIMPLY ALWAYS SEEM TO DRAW CROWDS.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: X equals C

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.