

Column One

SPORTS TALK



Boris Becker

(German tennis ace)

"On court you have to be quiet all of the time and the umpire is watching his 25-second clock. The young players have to adapt to the rule and it makes them appear like machines."

About too many rules.

Boost sports
WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Competition-83

✓ Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes at 8 pm, Nov 28, '97

- Who lifted the Stockholm Open tennis title?
Bjorkman Rios Poline
- Who was the man-of-the-match in the quadrangular cricket final?
Anwar Hiaz Klusener
- Which county will Wasim lead next season?
Sussex Lancashire Surrey
- Which team won the 18th Damal Smriti cricket tournament?
Abahani Mohammedan Biman
- Who won the AB Bank Senior Division table tennis league?
Martinez Armanitola JS Uttara

Name

Class Roll No.

School Address

Phone: (if any)

POWERED WITH
EN-VITS
ENERGY RELEASING VITAMINS

Gascoigne banned

GLASGOW, Nov 21: Paul Gascoigne has been banned for five matches, the Scottish Football Association confirmed on Thursday, reports Reuters.

The England midfielder was sent off during Wednesday's game with Celtic and 12 disciplinary points for that offence have triggered the ban.

Easy wins for Biman, BU

Sports Reporter

BRIEF SCORES

BROTHERS UNION: 220 for five in 50 overs (Sanjeev Sharma 57 n.o., Shahriar 47, Jahangir 36, Halim Shah 24; Asgar Khan 3/46)
VICTORIA SC: 176 for eight in 50 overs (Pappu 53, Lalu 46; Sujon 3/27, Rashed Hanif 2/50)
Result: Brothers Union won by 41 runs.

LALMATIA CLUB: 131 all out in 44.3 overs (H Tillekeratne 46, Nayan 27, Extras 23; Rupom 2/19, Sohali 2/23, Babul 2/30)
BIMAN: 132 for three in 25 overs (Faruque 53, Mansur Akhtar 38 n.o., Tarique 2/22)
Result: Biman won by seven wickets.

Opener Shahriar Hossain Bidyut (47) and one down Jahangir Alam (36) who shared a 76-run partnership for the second wicket, were the other notable run-getters.

After Brothers lost opener Shijan (15) in the tenth over with the scoreboard reading 34, Shahriar remained at the crease for another 20 overs and took the score to 110 before being trapped leg before by Victoria's Pakistani recruit Asgar Khan who eventually finished with 3 for 47.

In reply Victoria, could only muster 179 in their share of 50 overs for the loss of eight wickets.

For Victoria, one-down Pappu made a labourious 53 off

Former national skipper Faruque Ahmed scored a well-composed half century (53) as Biman, chasing a paltry Lalmatia total of 131 in 50 overs, reached 132 for three with half of their quota of overs to spare.

Faruque, who came to bat at number three with his side totalling at nine for one, shared a 61-run second wicket partnership with the opener Shaheen (8) and then added another 38 in the third wicket stand along with Pakistani Mansur Akhtar before being dismissed with Biman on 108 for three in 21.1 overs.

During his 43-ball stay at the crease, Faruque hammered eight boundaries.



Title aspirants Brothers Union Club and Biman won their respective Janakantha Premier Division cricket league matches played at different city venues yesterday.

At the Dhaka Stadium, former Indian Test cricketer Sanjeev Sharma scored another half century as Brothers Union registered their second successive victory with a 41-run thrashing of Victoria Sporting Club.

Sharma who hit a swash-buckling 80 off just 51 balls to steer the Gopibagh outfit to a massive 72-run victory over Lalmatia Club in their league opener last Tuesday, constructed yet another gem of an innings — 57 not out as Brothers put into bat, piled up a huge 220 for five in their stipulated 50 overs, so far highest at the Dhaka Stadium after the league began last Monday.

Coming in to bat at number five with Brothers 120 for three in 34.1 overs Sharma, the veteran right hander, played the pivotal role to add another 100 to the scoreboard in the remaining 15.6 overs.

After sharing a 55-run fourth wicket partnership with his skipper Halim Shah (24), Sanjeev then had a brief 23-run partnership with Khaled Mahmud Sujon (13) before he finished the 50-over quota with an unbeaten 22-run stand with Mustadrul Litu (8).

In his 49 ball innings, Sharma, who mostly depended on ones and twos, hammered four sweetly timed hits across the rope.



Middle order Pappu of Victoria Sporting Club plays forward defensive against Brothers Union medium pacer Khaled Mahmud Sujon yesterday. — Star photo

117 balls. Lower middle order Lalu chipped in with 46 off 63 deliveries.

Brothers' right arm medium pacer Khaled Mahmud Sujon and Pakistani Rashed Hanif shared five wickets. Sujon, who ripped through the middle order, finished with 3 for 27 in 9.5 overs while Rashed took two for 30 in eight overs.

Away at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, Biman posted their first victory — a seven-wicket defeat of Lalmatia Club.

After his departure, Mansur Akhtar and Shanu collected the required runs. Mansur remained unbeaten on 38 off 32 balls and Shanu was not out on eight.

Earlier, put into bat, Lalmatia were bundled out for 131 in 44.3 overs with Sri Lankan H Tillekeratne contributing highest 46.

Biman's new-ball bowler Mizanur Rahman Babul, off-spinner Zaur Rashid Rupom and Saleh Ahmed evenly shared six wickets.

Delta Life h'ball
Shamsunnahar
hall retain
title

Sports Reporter

Shamsunnahar Hall of Dhaka University retained the Delta Life Insurance women's inter-college and hall handball title with a comfortable 15-7 victory over Viquarunnissa Noon School and College in the final at the Sultana Kamal Women's Sports Complex in Dhanmondi yesterday.

The winners led the first half 6-3.

In an one-sided affair, Rebecca struck seven goals while Mousumi and Nafisa added two more each for the winners.

On the other hand, Swapna scored four goals for the losers. Agriculture, Food and Relief Minister Matia Chowdhury who was the chief guest, distributed prizes after the match. Kazi Fazlur Rahman, chairman of Delta Life Insurance, was also present.

Rebecca of Shamsunnahar Hall was adjudged the best player of the meet while Ahmed Bawani Academy received the best disciplined team award.

A total of 16 teams participated in the tournament.

ROLL OF HONOUR

Year Champions
1993-94: Viquarunnissa School & College
1994-95: Viquarunnissa School & College
1995-96: Shamsunnahar Hall
1997: Shamsunnahar Hall

Dull draw

Farashganj Sporting Club and Agrani Bank shared points as they played to a goalless draw in the penultimate match of the first round of Premier Division football league at Mirpur Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

Both teams have earned 8 points from 8 outings.

Farashganj will play their last match of the first round against Rahmatganj SC while Agrani Bank against Youngmen's Club Fakirpool, also in the last tie of the first round league.

POLICE BEAT DHANMONDI

In the First Division match at the same venue, a late strike by Tara Mia helped Police AC to a solitary goal win over lowly Dhanmondi Club.

Tara scored the match-decider in the 82nd minute to give his side first win. Police raised their collection to 7 points from 8 matches.

Dhanmondi, yet to win a match in 8 engagements, bagged 4 points.

World Doubles tennis

HARTFORD, Connecticut, Nov 21: Dutch pair Jacco Eltingh and Paul Haarhuis were the first team to secure a semi-final berth when they posted another easy, straight sets win Thursday in the 500,000 dollars ATP World Doubles Championship, reports Reuters.

The number two seeds were clinical in their demolition of Indian hopefuls Mahesh Bhupathi and Leander Paes, racing to a 6-3, 6-2 win in just 52 minutes in the second of their three round robin matches.

Dutch duo in last four

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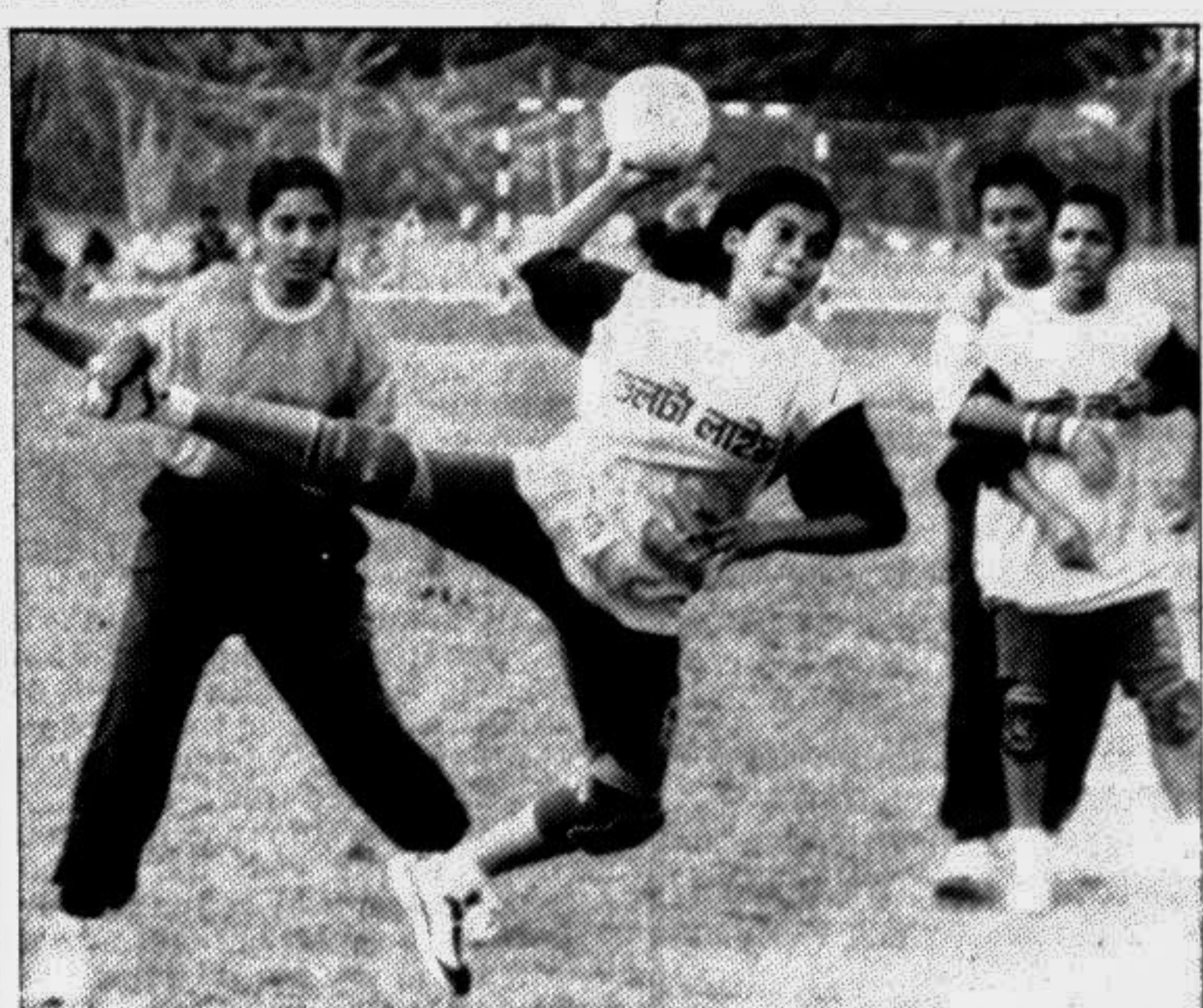
Lankans' hectic cricket calendar

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This year, Sri Lanka played 12 Tests, a remarkable increase from the paltry three Tests against Zimbabwe in 1996. The team has played only 69 Tests in 14 years since 1982, when they attained Test status.



Action from yesterday's Delta Life Insurance women's inter-college-hall handball tournament final between Shamsunnahar Hall and Viquarunnissa Noon School and College. — Star photo



The players of Shamsunnahar Hall who retained the Delta Life Insurance women's inter-college and hall handball trophy after defeating Viquarunnissa School & College in the final yesterday. — Star photo

World Youth Cup
BCB picks sixteen

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) on Thursday announced a 16-member Bangladesh youth team for the qualifying round of the first World Youth Cup tournament, reports UNB.

Eight Asian teams split into two groups, will take part in the qualifiers in Hong Kong from November 30 to December 7.

The final round will be staged in South Africa next January.

Bangladesh have been placed in Group A along with Malaysia, Thailand and Nepal. The other group consists of hosts Hong Kong, Fiji, Papua New Guinea and Singapore.

After the round robin phase top four sides play in the second round.

Later the two top finishers will advance to the final and the losers contest the plate final on December 7.

Div I cricket
Dhanmondi
down City
Sports Reporter

CITY CLUB: 190 all out in 44.1 overs (Munna 45, Majed 40, Simon 24, Santosh 23; Anisul 5/38)

DHANMONDI CLUB: 193 for six in 44.3 overs (Anisul 56, Lipu 42, Sumon 32; Majed 2/16)
Result: Dhanmondi Club won by four wickets.

Dhanmondi Club recorded a four-wicket victory over hosts City Club in their First Division cricket league opener played yesterday.

Chasing a fighting City Club total of 190 in 45 overs, Dhanmondi reached 193 for the loss of six wickets and three balls to spare.

Dhanmondi skipper Anisul Hakim, who earlier grabbing five wickets, scored highest 56 off 118 balls inclusive of five boundaries.

Anisul apart, middle order Lipu contributed 42 while opener Sumon 32 runs.

Earlier, sent in to bat, City Club were all out in the face of some inspirational bowling from Anisul who finished with five for 30 in 8.1 overs.

Middle order Munna (45) and skipper Abdul Majed (40) of Pakistan were the middle run-getters for City Club.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Janakantha Premier Division Cricket League:
Mohammedan SC vs Agrani Bank (Dhaka Stadium)

Warid Cricket Stadium:
First Division Cricket League:

Gopibagh FA vs Dhaka Wanderers Club (City Club)

Premier Division Football League:
Abahani KC vs Rahmatganj MFS (Mirpur Stadium 4:30 pm)

First Division Football League:
East End Club vs Bangladesh Boys Club (Mirpur Stadium 2:30 pm)

MD. SHAHID HOSSAIN KHAN
Executive Engineer, R&H
Ferry Division, Bogra.

Navana v'ball
begins today

Sports Reporter

The main finalists will qualify for the final round.

Bangladesh open against Thailand on November 30 at the Hong Kong Cricket Club ground. The other games are against Malaysia on December 1 and Nepal the following day.

SQUAD

Sabbir Khan (Captain), Mushfiqur Rahman (vice-captain), Hannan Sarkar, Ehsanul Haq, Ridwan Hasan, Tawhid Hossain, Sajal Chowdhury, Golam Mortuza, AKM Ahsanullah, Rezaul Haq, Morshed Alam, Tariqul Hasan, Rashidul Haq, Tanvirul Islam Khan, Mahmudul Haq Manu (manager), and Jalal Ahmed Chowdhury (coach).

Stand by: Tahmin Bashir, Ashiqur Rahman, Rafiqul Islam Khan and Saiful Islam.

The Navana national volleyball league, organised by the Bangladesh Volleyball Federation (BVF), begins at the court near Dhaka Stadium this afternoon.

Maj Gen Azizur Rahman, Bir Uttam, the BVF president and DG, BDR, will inaugurate the league at 3 pm.

A total of 13 teams in the male league and five teams in the female league will participate in the week-long tourney.

On the inaugural day, City Club of Rajshahi will take on Shaheen Club of Narayanganj in the eve's league while Kalkapur Juba Sangsad and Jhenidah Volleyball Club meet Young Abahani of Khulna and Kulkhali Adarsha Juba Sangha of Satkhira respectively in the men's league.

Government of the People's
Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer, R&H
Ferry Division, Nishindara, Bogra
RHD Quotation Invitation Notice

- Quotation Notice No : 01 (one) 97-98 Ferry Division, Bogra.
- Name of work : Work of safe transposition of Utility type-2 (Improved)-009/89 from Dhaleshwari Ferry Ghat-1 of (R&H), Munshiganj Road Division to Paksey Ferry Ghat for use at Paksey Ferry Ghat under Kushtia Road Division, during 1997-98 financial year. Head of expenditure: Through Kushtia Road Division ATC.
- Estimated cost : As per quoted rate.
- Earnest money : 2% (two percent) of the quoted price.
- Prescribed time : 15 (fifteen) days from the date of issue of work order.
- Eligibility to submit quotation : (R&H) Directorate's "A" to "C" general class (R&H) Workshop Circle, Bogra's "D" general class and (R&H) Ferry Division, Bogra's "E" general class enlisted contractors.
- Office where tender can be collected from : Executive Engineer (R&H), Ferry Division, Bogra/Workshop Division, Rajshahi/Santahar, Bogra/Sub-Divisional Engineer (R&H), Ferry Sub-Division, Bogra.
- Offices where tender will be received at : 1) Superintending Engineer (R&H), Workshop Circle, Bogra.
2) Executive Engineer (R&H), Ferry Division, Bogra.
3) Executive Engineer (R&H), Workshop Division, Rajshahi/Santahar, Bogra.
- Last date & time : 01/12/97 during office hours.
- Last date & time : 02/12/97 up to 12:30 PM.
- Date & time of opening quotation : 02/12/97 at 12:45 PM.
- Date & time of lottery (if applicable) : 04/12/97 at 11:00 AM.

MD. SHAHID HOSSAIN KHAN
Executive Engineer, R&H
Ferry Division, Bogra.

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FIFA amnesty to Iran

ZURICH, Nov 21: FIFA confirmed on Wednesday that four Iranian players who have each picked up two yellow cards in the Asian qualifiers, can play against

Australia in the first leg of their World Cup play-off on Saturday, reports Reuters.

FIFA also said that a fifth Iranian player — striker Karim Bageri, the top scorer in the Asian qualifiers — would be banned from the match. He has

a red card to his name and is serving the second match of a two-match ban.

FIFA spokesman Keith Cooper said on Wednesday: "The situation is that the slate has been wiped clean as far as yellow cards are concerned because they were incurred in the Asian qualifiers and this is a different stage of the competition, red cards are not wiped off, but are carried through."

The players allowed to play are goalkeeper and captain Ahmadreza Abedzadeh, striker Khodadad Azizi as well as Ostad Asadli and Mohammad Khakpour.

FIFA's announcement has angered Australia's coach Terry Venables, with his squad in Dubai preparing for the match which takes place in Tehran on Saturday.

The Australia manager rejected talk that Iran was demoralised after their loss against Japan in Malaysia on Sunday.

Venables admitted there were problems in preparing the side for the Tehran tie since, "We didn't know whether we to meet Japan or Iran."

Japan defeated Iran in an Asian play-off to qualify for the finals directly, Iran now meets Australia in Tehran, with the second leg in Melbourne on November 29.

According to officials accompanying the team, two of Australia's key players are down with injury and may miss the crunch tie.

LATEST

TEHRAN, Nov 21: The Soccerros arrived in Tehran on Friday for their World Cup clash with Iran, all smiles and compliments following a week of charges and counter-charges about Iranian fans, food and water, reports AP.

"We have received an excellent reception, and everything has been marvelous," Australia's Ambassador to Iran, Stuart Hume, said after welcoming the Australian national team at the airport.

"Even if our team doesn't win here it won't be because of a lack of hospitality or any such problems."

Div III cricket qualifiers

Sunrise Sporting Club, Nakhal Para Sussex and Cricket Coaching Club became group champions and advanced to the next round of Lotus-Kamal Third Division qualifying cricket tournament yesterday, reports UNB.

Sunrise defeated Meradia Maitree Sangha by five wickets at the T&T ground, Nakhal Para outplayed CCS Green by seven wickets at the Mirpur Outer Stadium while Cricket Coaching School beat Media CCS by two wickets at the Dhanmondi cricket ground.

These three teams will join with 24 other teams who have already qualified for the next round.

The 24 teams are: Rajabazar KC, Avizatrik Club, Prantik KC, Srizani, Four and Seven CC, Rajar Deuri, Cricketers Comilla, New Evergreen, IDS of Nababpur, Sheikh Russel KC, Maghbazar Kisholoy, Ankur Cricketers, Abu Taher Smriti Sangha, Kisholoy SC, Lal Kuthi Club, Aladin Smriti Sangsad, Aniban Sangha, Mahakhal CC, Banarupa Ekadash, Rangers CC, Overs Seas CC, Annesha, New Boys, Manikpur Unnayan Samiti.

Sitalakkha CC will play against Liton Smriti Sangha for the last berth of the second round.

These 28 teams will be divided into 7 groups to play the second round which begins on Monday.

Government of the People's
Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer (R&H)
Workshop Division, Santahar, Bogra
Tender Invitation Notice

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- Name of work : Supply of spare parts for different motor vehicles of Road Division, Naogaon under (R&H), Workshop Division, Santahar, Bogra during 1997-98 financial year.
- Estimated cost : Taka 3,20,700/-
- Amount of earnest money : Taka 6,420/- should be submitted through BD from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Executive Engineer (R&H), Workshop Division, Santahar, Bogra (which should be encashable at Santahar, Bogra).
- Time limit for completion of work : 25 (twenty-five) days (from the date of issuing work order).
- Eligibility of tenderer : (R&H), Directorate's 'A' to 'C' general class and Workshop Circle, Bogra's 'D' general class and Workshop Division, Santahar, Bogra's 'E' general class contractors.
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- Date & time of opening envelope after collecting all the tenders in sealed condition : 04-12-97 at 12:00 Noon.
- Date & time of holding lottery (if applicable) : 04/12/97 at 1:00 PM.

MEER AMINUL ISLAM
Executive Engineer (R&H)
Workshop Division, Santahar, Bogra

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
- Scuttle
 - Michael Jackson album
 - Heyer-dah's "Kon-"
 - Lost color
 - Soft drinks
 - Weakness
 - Eventual
 - Swans
 - Bengal, for one
 - Ouzo flavor
 - "Wayne's World" rejoinder
 - Staffer
 - Say it isn't so
 - Pool member
 - Goose-bump-inducing
 - Resumes
 - Clemorous
 - Name in Myanmar's history
 - Brag
 - "Norma"
- DOWN**
- Old instruments of punishment
 - Defer
 - Runs in neutral
 - Novelist Bret Easton
 - Soft drinks
 - Waterway
 - Churn
 - Whiz precursor
 - DOWN
 - Not flat
 - Fine
 - Model
 - Tyra
 - Simpson of fashion
 - Bruce's misue
 - Frat-party garb
 - Prima evidence
 - Word with jacket or theater
 - Baby bear
 - Ecstasy's
 - 28 Olympic sleds
 - Country home
 - Cartoon squasher
 - Soother of "Good Times"
 - Shattered
 - Ar-tee connector
 - Iodine source
 - Garfield's buddy

CRYPTOQUIP

B K R C K S V E N E Y W J E B K
X Y T S W Z E B V J V C T L I Y X S
Y X X R Z F B L I R Y
K L Y T V R F L N B L T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IN A COLD WINTER, MOST OCTOPI WOULD PREFER TO PUT ON A COAT OF ARMS.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: I equals B

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.