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Peter Ryan, security commander for the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games, speaking at a media conference at Sydney on August 25. —AFP photo

Hingis, Sampras top seeds

NEW YORK, Aug 25: World number ones Pete Sampras of the United States and Martina Hingis of Switzerland are the top seeds for the US Open starting next week. The USTA announced Monday, reports Reuters.

With the exception of five-time US Open champion Steffi Graf of Germany, the USTA seeded the players according to the latest ATP and WTA Tour rankings.

Currently ranked 38th, Graf received the eighth seed on the recommendation of WTA Tour players. She missed last year's US Open after season-ending knee surgery.

Sampras, a four-time champion, regained the number one ranking from Chile's Marcelo Rios for the second time this year in the latest ATP rankings. But he has not displayed the form that has seen him finish as the top-ranked player for five straight years.

The 27-year-old Sampras captured his only Grand Slam title of the year at Wimbledon and has won just three events this year after going unbeaten in eight finals in 1997. He lost to Petr Korda in the fourth round at last year's Open.

Sampras is the top seed at the US Open for the fourth time in his career. He was the top seed in 1994, 1996 and 1997 but won the annual Grand Slam final in 1990, 1993, 1995 and

1996 — only once as the top seed.

Sampras is tied with Bjorn Borg and his idol Rod Laver with 11 Grand Slam titles, one behind all-time leader Roy Emerson.

Last year, Hingis defeated Venus Williams in an all-teenage final, the youngest women's Grand Slam championship in the Open era. In addition,

Open champion Korda and Richard Krajicek of the Netherlands.

Britain's Greg Rusedski, last year's runner-up, is seeded sixth. Alex Corretja of Spain seventh, resurgent former champion Andre Agassi of the United States eighth, Karol Kucera of Slovakia ninth and Spaniard French Open champion Carlos Moya tenth.

Australian Open TT begins on the morrow

MELBOURNE, Aug 25: Swedish world champion Jan Ove Waldner heads a strong entry for the Australian Open table tennis championships, beginning here on Thursday, reports AFP.

Waldner leads a six-strong Swedish team, which also includes 1991 world champion Jorgen Persson and three-time European champion Mikael Appelgren.



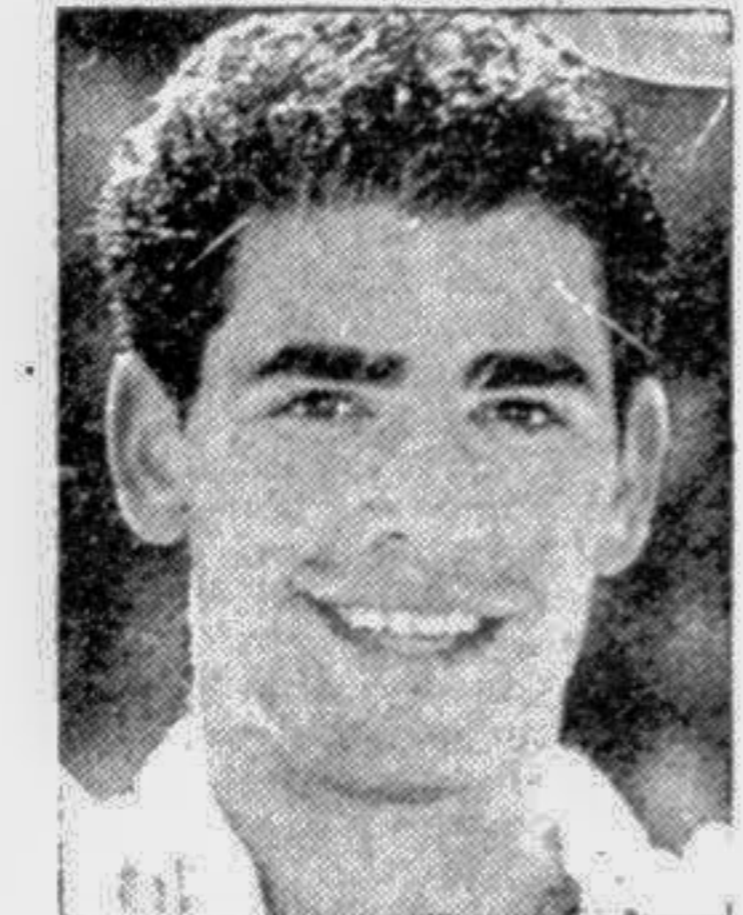
MARTINA HINGIS

tion, Hingis became the second youngest Open women's champion.

The Australian Open champion, Hingis has won just four events this year and none since May. In 1997, the Swiss sensation claimed 12 titles and suffered five losses all year.

This year, she already has lost nine matches.

Rios, who won just one match in two brief regions as the world number one, is the men's second seed, followed by defending champion Patrick Rafter of Australia, Australian



PETE SAMPRAS

American Lindsay Davenport, who could knock Hingis out of the world number one spot by winning her first Grand Slam title, is seeded second among the women followed by Czech Wimbledon winner Jana Novotna, French Open champion Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario of Spain and Williams.

American Monica Seles is sixth followed by Spaniard Conchita Martinez, Graf, Irina Spilreta of Romania and Nathalie Tauziat of France.

The draw will be held Wednesday.

Van Roost bows out

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut, Aug 25: Dominique van Roost was the first seed to wither on the opening day of the Pilot Pen International, as the number eight seed for Belgium was crushed 3-6, 6-0, 6-1 by American Mary Joe Fernandez, reports AFP.

But there were victories for seventh seed Amanda Coetzer and unseeded wonder kid Anna Kournikova.

Van Roost appeared to be sailing towards an easy win over Fernandez, who had registered only three wins in seven matches this year after returning from wrist surgery.

Leading 5-2, Van Roost double-faulted twice on set point, and that was all the encouragement that Fernandez needed. Although it was too late to save the first set, she swept through the next two as Van Roost sprayed the ball anywhere but on the court or the right side of the net.

"I took a break after Wimbledon because I had played 16 tournaments this year and needed a break. So probably it takes me time to come back and find the rhythm of my game and the confidence I had before," said Van Roost, won dropped 12 of 13 games after rescuing the first set.

"In the first set I didn't do anything special and she made

a lot of mistakes, and in the second and third sets she started to play unbelievably. She didn't miss one ball and played close to the net and played faster than me. I couldn't do anything."

Coetzer is struggling to find some consistency after winning 61 matches in 1997. This year she has so far won only 22.

The South African defeated Spain's Magui Serna 7-6, 6-3. Kournikova enjoyed a comfortable 6-3, 6-2 win over Barbara Schett, although she tried to outwit Kournikova with drop shots and by running her round the court, the Austrian was let down by her serve, losing two of her six service breaks on double-faults.

"Started very well," said Kournikova, whose attacking forehand was the match winner. "I didn't give away many points and was attacking very well and not making too many mistakes."

In other matches, Julie Halard-Decugis of France beat Naoko Sawamatsu of Japan 3-6, 6-3, 7-5, Henrieta Nagyova of Slovakia defeated Venezuela's Maria Alejandra Vento 6-3, 6-2 and Sandrine Testud of France overcame Romania's Ruxandra Dragomir 6-4, 6-1.

The field includes Wimbledon champ Jana Novotna, Lindsay Davenport, the No. 2 player in the world, and No. 4-ranked Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario.



Russia's Anna Kournikova about to play a backhand against Barbara Schett of Austria during the Pilot Pen tournament match at New Haven on August 24. Kournikova won 6-3, 6-2. —AP/UNB photo

Don about to reach nervous nineties



ADELAIDE, Aug 25 (Reuters): The "Don" turns 90 on Thursday and cricket's finest batsman appears well set to amass yet another century in his final innings.

Sir Donald Bradman is regarded as the greatest living Australian and, as the years pass, his achievements at the crease grow ever more impressive.

Bradman reached three figures 29 times at Test level and finished his career with 6,996 runs in 52 Tests at the extraordinary average of 99.94.

His closest rivals in the averages, like South African Graeme Pollock, West Indian George Headley and England's Herbert Sutcliffe, struggled to reach the sixties and it looks increasingly likely that Bradman's will be one sporting record that is never broken.

Bradman, who has kept out of the public eye for many years, will not make any appearances to celebrate his entry to the 'nervous nineties.'

The death, last year, of his wife and childhood sweetheart Jessie after 65 years of marriage reinforced his desire to shun publicity.

"I understand a few weeks ago he had a round of golf and he shot a 91 off the stick, which was just extraordinary at 89 years of age," said Michael Brock, organizer of a dinner in Bradman's honour.

"I saw him yesterday (Sunday) and he has had a bit of the flu, but he is in pretty good health," he said.

Bradman is regarded in Australia as a national treasure. He has been idolised by generations as their greatest sportsman.

No other batsman, before or since, has equalled his ability to dominate an attack while guarding his wicket jealously.

Asked during a rare interview in 1996 to explain why some of his records remain unchallenged, he said, "I saw much better batsmen than I was. Lots of them, they just kept getting out."

Failure in his last Test innings before retirement at The Oval in 1948 denied Bradman, the magical Test average of 100 and enhanced the mystique surrounding the man.

Needing to score a mere four runs to achieve the landmark figure, Bradman was dismissed for a duck, much to the disbelief of a huge crowd and teammate Arthur Morris who looked on stunned from the other end of the pitch.

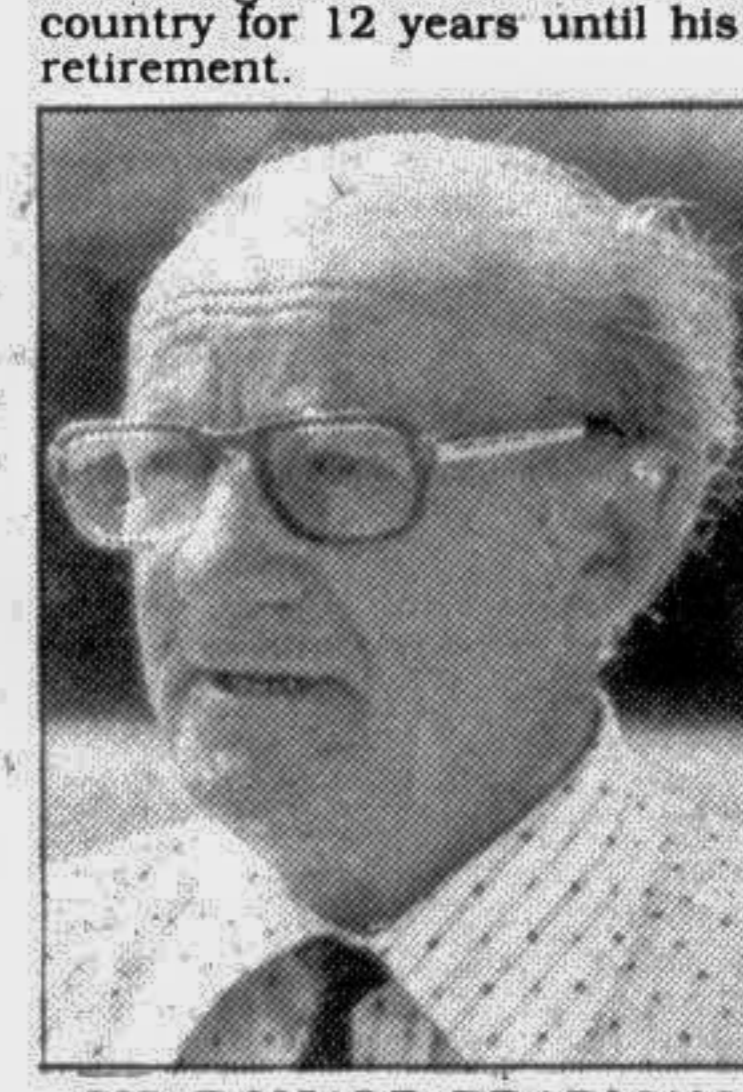
"It was a really emotional moment for everyone," Morris recalled of an event whose 50th anniversary fell earlier this month.

"Typical of Bradman, he just tucked the bat under his arm and walked off as if he had got 100," he told Reuters. Bradman refused to countenance the theory that tears of emotion had affected his vision.

Such was Bradman's skill that England's attempts to contain him culminated in the infamous "bodyline" Series in 1932-33 when English fast bowlers aimed short-pitched leg-side deliveries at the bats-

man's body rather than the wicket.

Bradman, who was knighted in 1949, played 338 first-class innings, scoring 28,067 runs at an average of 95.14. He led his country for 12 years until his retirement.



SIR DONALD BRADMAN

Born in Cootamundra in rural New South Wales on August 27, 1908, Bradman developed an early obsession with the game.

His astounding reflexes and timing were developed by hours of practice after school each night, using a cricket stump, golf ball and rusty water tank.

Bradman once recalled how his father would ride a bicycle several miles home after a day of snicking holes for fence posts.

He would then be greeted by his son who demanded he go

out and bowl to him in the backyard.

"That would release my mother from the task so that she might go and cook the evening meal," he related.

Bradman's emergence in the early 1930s during the grim days of the depression lifted the morale of the country.

But the admiration and respect the great batsman inspired was not confined to his homeland. He was given the Warwick Trophy, a farewell in 1948 from "the cricket lovers of Britain" who each donated a shilling in a public subscription.

"He's out" was the simple declaration of a banner for the English newspaper The Star in 1930, a time when there was no need to explain who 'he' might have been.

Bradman's memorabilia, now the closest most fans will ever get to him, are on permanent display in his adopted hometown of Adelaide where he worked for years as a stockbroker.

Australian cricketing greats, including Mark Waugh, Rodney Marsh and Greg Chappell, will attend a gala dinner in Bradman's honour in Adelaide on Thursday to raise money to help maintain and preserve the collection.

Michael Brock said Bradman had given his stamp of approval to the function but has expected to celebrate his birthday privately with his children.

"I think he is still a bit overwhelmed with the (public) response there to him," Brock said.

Sachin all set to meet Bradman

CHENNAI, Aug 25: Sachin Tendulkar has been cleared by the Indian cricket board to skip the ongoing camp here for a few days to attend the 90th birthday celebrations of Sir Don Bradman at Adelaide on August 27 and to receive the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna award at New Delhi two days later, reports PTL.

Board president Raj Singh Dhangarput told it is a one-time opportunity in life for Sachin to be with the Don on his 90th birthday and to receive the highest sports award from the President of India.

"As board president, I am delighted in allowing Sachin to be away from the camp to attend these functions," he said.

Besides meeting Bradman at his residence at the cricket icon's specific invitation, Tendulkar will attend a ceremonial dinner to celebrate the legend's birthday.

Dhangarput said Tendulkar had made the flight bookings and seemed to have also taken all steps to reach New Delhi by August 29. He leaves tomorrow night for Singapore en route to Adelaide.

Twenty-five-year-old Tendulkar is the first cricketer to be conferred the "Khel Ratna" as the best sportsman of 1997. Chess Grand Master Viswanathan Anand, tennis star Leander Paes and woman weightlifter Karnam Malleswari are among the earlier recipients of the award.

TENNIS ANECDOTES

UNDATED, Aug 25 (AP): Following are some interesting statistics from recent tennis tournaments:

STARS

Alex Corretja captured the RCA Championships in Indianapolis with a 2-6, 6-2, 6-3 victory over Andre Agassi.

Karol Kucera downed Goran Ivanisevic 6-4, 5-7, 6-2 in the final of the Pilot Pen International in New Haven, Connecticut.

Monica Seles won her first title in almost a year by defeating Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario in the final of the Canadian Open in Montreal, 6-3, 6-2.

Jiri Vanek won the 50,000 dollars Grolsch Cup by defeating Andrei Cherkasov 7-6, 7-5 in Warsaw, Poland.

SPEAKING

"I hit a lot of double faults. The second serve was bad. I had not forehand down the line. I hit bad returns, the backhand was too risky. I was running like an idiot," — Goran Ivanisevic, after losing the Pilot Pen International final to Karol Kucera.

"It's always a scary moment. He was close to the net and just happened to be where I hit the ball," — Andre Agassi, after hitting a ball that struck Alex Corretja on the left chest, knocking the Spaniard down.

"When I got up, I didn't know where I was. I didn't know if I was in Indianapolis or Barcelona (his hometown) or wherever," — Alex Corretja.

"It's like I'm still dreaming. When I was a small girl, I always thought that Steffi was the greatest," — Magui Serna of Spain after upsetting Steffi Graf 6-4, 6-4 at the du Maurier Open.

"I'm not feeling the ball. I just don't seem to see the ball well at night. I think I played pretty bad," — Marcelo Rios, after losing to Byron Black in third round of the RCA Championships.

"Sampras owes me one," — Byron Black, after his upset over Marcelo Rios at the RCA Championships meant Pete Sampras would regain his No. 1 ranking.

SCARY MOMENT

Alex Corretja survived a knockdown to beat Andre Agassi in the title match of the RCA Championships. With Agassi at the net, Corretja hit a lob to the baseline and went to the net himself. Agassi raced back, turned and, in the same motion, fired a forehand down the middle of the court. The ball struck Corretja in his left chest and the Spaniard dropped to his back on the court. Agassi immediately jumped over the net to check on his opponent, who rose up after a moment and resumed the match.

SECURING A SPOT

Marcelo Rios of Chile is the first player to qualify for the year-ending ATP Tour World Championships, which will be held in Hanover, Germany, Nov. 24-29. The top eight players in the rankings on Nov. 23 will qualify, and Rios already has enough points to guarantee him a spot. The last South American to qualify for the World Championships was Andres Gomez of Ecuador in 1990.

SEASON-ENDERS

Defending champion Jana Novotna and Lindsay Davenport joined top-ranked Martina Hingis as the first three qualifiers for the season-ending Chase Championships of the Corel.

Pioline, Muster's good start

BROOKLINE, Massachusetts, Aug 25: Third-seeded Cedric Pioline of France and fifth seed Thomas Muster of Austria were overpowering in first-round victories at the 315,000-dollar MFS Pro tennis championships on Monday, reports Reuters.

Pioline needed only 58 minutes to knock off Adrian Panu of Romania 6-4, 6-0. Muster needed even less time, blasting his way to a 6-0, 6-3 victory over Marcelo Filippini, a qualifier from Uruguay, in 55 minutes.

Muster used a punishing topspin forehand to keep Filippini on the defence most of the match.

Muster won the first nine games before finally yielding a couple of games to Filippini's serve.

Pioline originally had planned to take the week off, but felt he needed some work before the US Open starting next week, so he entered this tournament on a wild card.

SIX NO TRUMPS

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AN AMBITIOUS CONTRACT BUT THE DECLARER PLAYED WELL

(Hand # 76)

North	South	East (D)
♠: Q J X X	♠: X X X X	♠: A K 10 X X
♥: 8 X X X	♥: Q	♥: K 10 X
♦: Q X X	♦: 10 X X X	♦: J X X
♣: C Q X	♣: 10 X X X	♣: J X

BIDDING

South (Sayeed)	West (Mizan)	North (Akram)	East (Mazumdar)
Double	Pass	INT*	2S
3S	Pass	4H	Pass
4S	Pass	5H	Pass
6H	Pass	Pass	Pass

* Artificial, 0-6 HCP

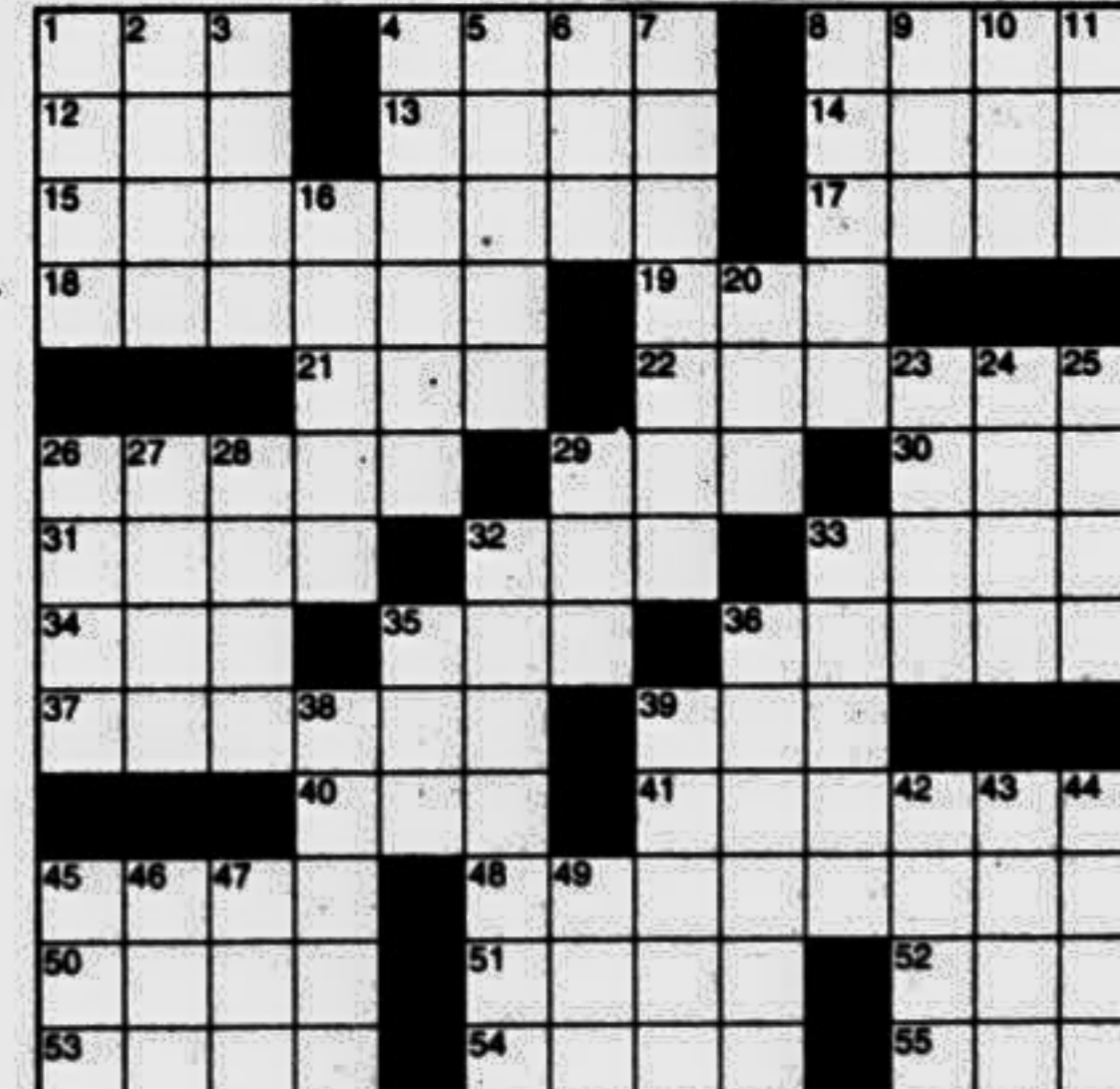
With a very powerful hand, South doubled East's one Spade. In response, North showed 0-6 HCP. East came back with two Spades and South cue-bid three Spades. North bid four Hearts which made south ambitious for a slam. He again cue bid to indicate slam interest and also the possession of another suit. However, as most of the values belonged to the Spade suit, North signed off at five Hearts. Since a Spade was opened by East South assumed that if the few points that North had were in Hearts, and clubs were no more than two, he might have a little slam in Hearts. He therefore ambitiously pushed on to six Hearts.

THE PLAY

East opened the King of Spades which was ruffed in the dummy. The declarer entered the closed hand with the Queen of Diamonds to lead a small Heart. When East played low, he went up with the Ace of Hearts and was pleased to see the fairy Queen appearing from the West hand. He again entered the closed hand with the Queen of Clubs to play another Heart. West won with the King and played his last club. The declarer won in dummy, played the Jack of Hearts, Ace of Clubs, ruffed a Club with the last trump in the closed hand and the dummy was good. A good play for the little slam. Note that the play of the Ace of Hearts was correct because he would lose one trick in the suit if the King or Queen were singleton in West hand or if the Hearts were distributed 2-2. However, if West had three Hearts (KQ10) he could never make the hand anyway. He also could not make the hand by playing the Ace if East had KQX of Hearts.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS
- 1 TV network
 - 4 Terry-cloth word
 - 8 Swampy area
 - 12 Moo —
 - 13 Remedy for dry toast
 - 14 Language of Pakistan
 - 15 Donna Summer hit
 - 17 Lost Ark seeker
 - 18 Ridiculous
 - 19 Cravat
 - 21 Dupin's creator
 - 22 Spa
 - 26 Legendary
 - 29 Bleach
 - 30 Prior to
 - 31 Stravinsky or Sikorsky
 - 32 Sheela player
 - 33 Porter's burdens
 - 34 One of the family
 - 35 Appropriately, it comes in "sticks"
 - 36 Great Lakes mnemonic
 - 37 Perform
- DOWN
- 1 Turkish title
 - 2 Dunder-head
 - 3 Barmie's array
 - 4 Dragster's wheels
 - 5 Duck Miller
 - 6 Ump
 - 7 Fedora or берет
 - 8 Librarian's demand
 - 9 Coffee loop
 - 10 Combine
 - 11 Chap designation
 - 16 Terrific
 - 20 There's a small
 - 23 Six white horses, e.g.
 - 24 Incline
 - 25 Mamie's predecessor
 - 27 Exchange premium
 - 28 Over 50 percent
 - 29 Not masc.
 - 32 Suspect's photo
 - 33 Half a Yalies' song
 - 35 Pantheon member
 - 36 Car-wash option
 - 38 Mason's partner
 - 39 Photo finish
 - 42 Teeny bit
 - 43 Will be (Sp.)
 - 44 Genealogy chart
 - 45 Calendar abbr.
 - 46 Author Delighton
 - 47 Uruguay's year
 - 49 "Town"



CRYPTOQUIP

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 X M P D X Z H X Z Z B Z O X V V
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 B T P W D B L W H X V G O S U

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I PREDICT THE WATERBED MIGHT VERY WELL BECOME ONE'S VINYL RESTING PLACE.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: O 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.