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3	How many Tests will Australia play in Pakistan?	One	Two	Three
4	Who is the No 1 on ATP rankings at the moment?	Rios	Rafter	Agassi
5	Michelle Smith has been banned for	2yrs	4yrs	6yrs

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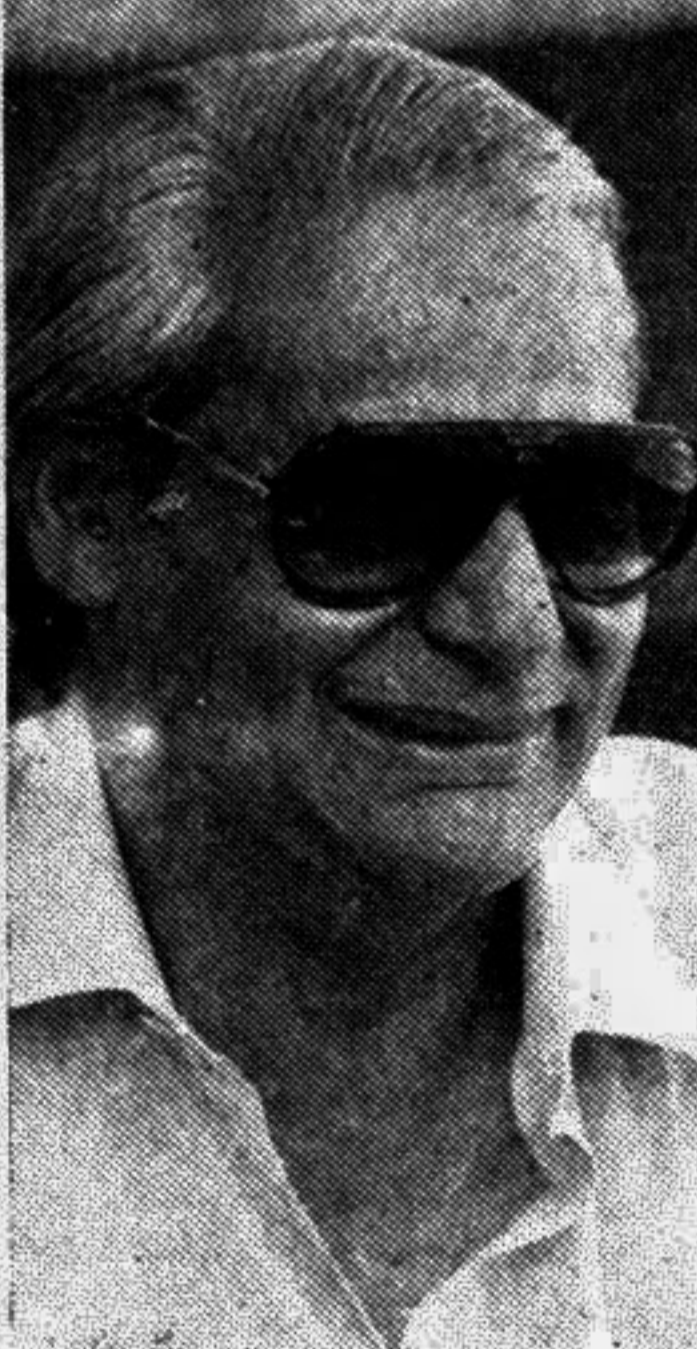
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**SPORTS TALK**



**Raj Singh Durgapur**  
(President of Indian cricket board)

"It is a one time opportunity in life for Sachin Tendulkar to be birthday and to receive the highest sports award from the President of India. While allowing the master batsman to skip the national camp to attend the functions."

**Schools chess from Friday**

The 13th Bata schools chess competition will begin on Friday at the NSC conference room, reports UNB. State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed will inaugurate the meet at 5:30 pm. A total of 170 students of 80 schools will take part in the competition to be held on 9th round Swiss league basis.



An AFP file photo of Australian athlete Cathy Freeman during the Athens '97 World Athletics Championships. Freeman pulled out of the upcoming Commonwealth Games yesterday owing to a foot injury.

**Marion seems invincible**

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, Aug 26: Marion Jones defended her status as the world's premier women's sprinter on and off the track at the Lausanne Grand Prix meeting on Tuesday, reports Reuters. The American sprint sensation continued her domination of the women's 100 metres, going under .11 seconds for the 14th time this season by crossing first in 10.72. "That was maybe one of my top three races ever," said Jones, still unbeaten this year. "I thought I could have run better if it had been a little warmer and I had ever run after getting off a plane coming to Europe." The race was, however, devoid of any drama with Jones' rival, Frenchwoman Christine Arron, winner at the European Championships in a sizzling 10.73, choosing not to run. While Arron's performance in Budapest impressed a lot of people, it failed to excite Jones who dismissed her rival's efforts.

"I've raced her (Arron) two times this year and I won both times, she never showed up," said Jones. "I wish everyone would stop asking me about her so much. "I'm just looking forward to racing in Brussels and I wish people would stop talking about Arron. Right now she's the furthest thing from my mind." But the Frenchwoman will be a lot closer on Friday. Arron, now the third fastest woman of all-time behind Jones and world record holder Florence Joyner-Griffith, will confront her American rival at the Golden League meeting in Brussels. The cold, windy conditions nullified record attempts by two other American sprinters, 100-metre world champion Maurice Greene and double Olympic champion Michael Johnson. Greene, who had been predicting Canadian Donovan Bailey's world record of 9.84 would fall at the meet if the conditions were right, settled for a respectable 9.92 ahead of compatriot Jon Drummond and Barbados' Obadele Thompson. The race, run on one of the world's fastest tracks, attracted an all-star lineup, including Trinidad's Ado Bolton and Namibia's Frankie Fredericks. But as darkness fell and temperatures dropped, it became clear that Bailey's record would survive another meeting. The track club also revealed Commonwealth high jump champion Tim Forsyth was still battling an ankle injury. Forsyth injured his right ankle in training last Thursday, but believes he will be able to compete at the Games.

The cold made it difficult and the two false starts really hurt," said Greene's coach John Smith. "Under these conditions I'm happy with the results." Johnson returned to Europe in his pursuit of Butch Reynolds' 400-metre record but was foiled by a strong headwind down the back straight. He could do no better than a modest 44.28 after having gone under 44 seconds in his last three races. "I'm not here to break records, my job is racing," said Johnson. "I'm happy as long as I continue to win."

**Marcelo sent packing**

COMMACK, New York, Aug 26: Gustavo Kuerten of Brazil won a South American showdown, upset Marcelo Rios of Chile 6-3, 7-6 in the opening round of the Hamlet Cup, reports AP. Rios, the tournament's top seed, lost his second match in as many days. He lost his ranking as the top-ranked player in the world on Monday. Rios has lost three of his last four matches since parting with Larry Stefanki, his coach. Rios was ranked No 1 for six weeks earlier this year. Kuerten said he was looking forward to playing Rios. "People asked me if I was disappointed that I drew him in the first round," Kuerten said Tuesday. "but I really wanted him. The talent on this level is very high and you should want to play the great players. That's why we're out here." Rios said he was "bothered by an allergy and my entire body is weak. Maybe I need a rest to get ready for the US Open."

ranked player in the world, returned serve with his backhand and the ball hit the top of the net and flew past Sanchez. It was the second such point in the set and third in the match that he won in like manner. Rafter, 25, is 22-3 with three tournament titles over the last 10 weeks, with five matches won over top 10 opponents, including Pete Sampras. Rafter, who had seven aces to four for Sanchez, has a 41-16 match record this year with four championships. "I hit the ball well in the first set but was very flat in the second," Rafter said. "I felt there was no use pushing myself, so I went through the motions determined that I could get a second win in the third set."

Bohdan Ulihrach defeated fellow Czech Slava Dosedel 6-4, 7-6. France's Nicolas Escude dispatched Sweden's Thomas Johansson 6-1, 6-4. Martin Damm of the Czech Republic beat Spain's Jordi Burillo 3-6, 6-2, 6-3 and another Czech Daniel Vacek eliminated 1993 Champion Marc Rosset of Switzerland 6-1, 6-4.

**SIX NO TRUMPS**

**A K Sayeedul Huq**  
A GOOD BID BY SOUTH TO READH  
A MAKEABLE CONTRACT  
(Hand # 77)

<b>North</b>	<b>South</b>
♠ S Q 9 X	♠ S K J 8 X X
♥ H X	♥ H X X X X
♦ D A K Q J X	♦ D X X X
♣ C A X X X	♣ C J 10 X

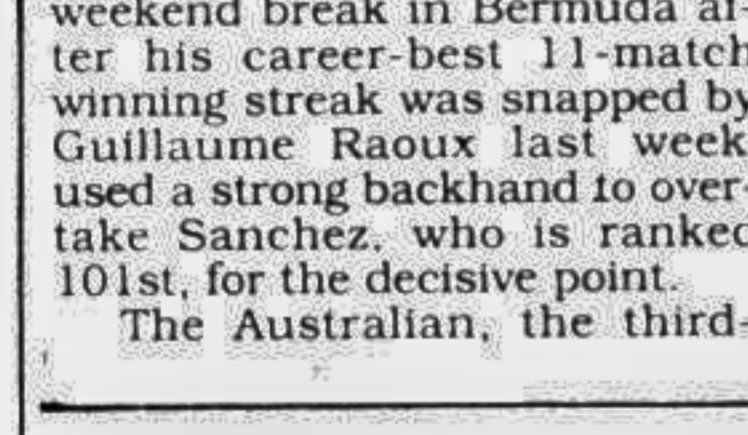
<b>BIDDING (East-West vulnerable)</b>			
South (Mizan)	West (Mazumdar)	North (Sayeed)	East (Zaglu)
1H	2H	3D	Pass
Pass	Pass	4S	Pass
Pass	Pass		

\* Artificial, showing 7-9 HCP.

South had a marginal hand, but he realised that partner must be short in Hearts (since South himself had four) and therefore he thought it would be wise to introduce his Spade suit when partner bid 3 Diamonds. North with a solid Diamond suit, raised partner to game. A tricky contract of 4 Spades was reached.

**THE PLAY**

West led the King of Hearts, East dropped nine. West after some thinking played 10 of Diamonds, dummy won the trick with the King. The first instinct of the declarer was to clear the trumps so that he could run his solid Diamond suit. He then realised that if West started with 3 cards in Spade headed by the Ace, this line of play would create a problem as West might duck Spade twice and win it at the third time. The declarer therefore played the King and Jack of Spades and then played his last Diamond which West could ruff but that would be his last trick. West therefore slapped a Heart. The declarer won the trick in dummy and played another good Diamond throwing a Heart from the closed hand. West ruffed but the declarer was in control.



**MARCELO RIOS**  
game of a 6-2, 4-6, 6-4 victory over the Spaniard.



US sprinter Maurice Green celebrates his 100 metres triumph at the 'Athletissima' meet in Lausanne on August 25.

**Freeman skips C'wealth Games**

MELBOURNE, Aug 26: World 400-metre champion Cathy Freeman will not defend her Commonwealth Games title in Kuala Lumpur next month because she has not recovered from a foot injury, her doctor said today, reports Reuters. Dr Peter Fuller said Freeman, the first indigenous Australian to win a world track title, needed at least a month's break from competition and would miss both the Games and the World Cup in Johannesburg shortly beforehand. "The injury will simply take more time to heal. Cathy needs to rest from sprinting for a further one to two months," Fuller said in a statement. Freeman became Australia's most popular sportswoman when she wrapped herself in the aboriginal and Australian flags after winning the 200 metres and 400 metres at the 1994 Commonwealth Games in Canada. She won a 400-metre silver medal in the 1996 Atlanta Olympics. She injured her foot while racing in Oslo on July 9 and it is taking far longer to heal than first expected.

It is the first time since Freeman first made the Australian team for the 1990 Commonwealth Games, winning a gold in the 100-metre relay, that she has missed a major championship. The track club also revealed Commonwealth high jump champion Tim Forsyth was still battling an ankle injury. Forsyth injured his right ankle in training last Thursday, but believes he will be able to compete at the Games.

**HK Open Jansher bows out**

HONG KONG, Aug 26: Squash legend Jansher Khan, playing his first tournament since undergoing knee-surgery earlier this year, conceded defeat in the opening round of the 74,000 dollars Hong Kong Open today, reports AFP. Jansher, who has not played a major tournament since his defeat in the final of the British Open in April, retired from his first match with Hong Kong's Faheem Khan with the score at 6-5 in the opening game. The 29-year-old Pakistani, who had been hoping to bag his 100th career title in Hong Kong this week, winced in pain as he stretched for a drop shot in the front of the court with the score at 4-4. Jansher, who had surgery in both knees to repair torn and damaged ligaments, earlier this year conceded moments later.

**IAAF WC China to lead Asian team**

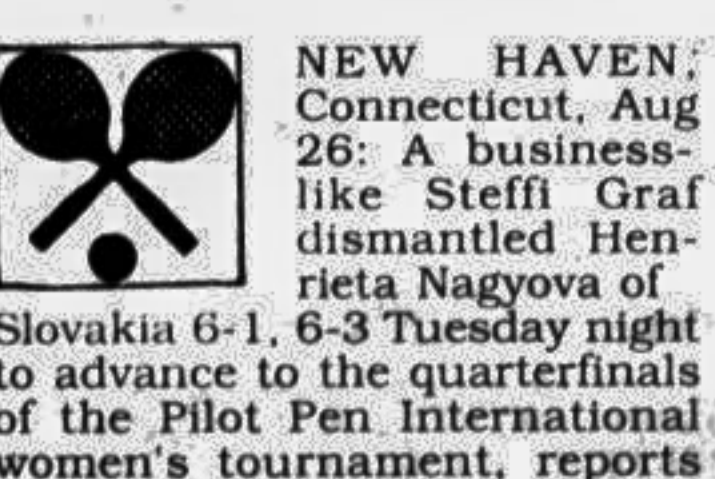
BEIJING, Aug 26: China will lead the 47-member Asian team which will take part in the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) World Cup in South Africa next month. Xinhua reported today, reports AFP. Among the Asian athletes who will attend the September 11-13 championships, 22 are Chinese, the news agency said. The full list of 47 team members is as follows.

- Men**
- 100m: Zhou Wei (Chn); 200m: Ito Koji (Jpn); 400m: Sugath Tillakararatne (Sri); 800m: Cheng Bin (Chn); 1,500m: Mohd Ahmad Sulaiman (Qat); 3,000m: Toshinari Takaoka (Jpn); 5,000m: Chand Gulas (Ind); 3,000m steeplechase: Saad S Al-Asmari (Sau); 110m hrdle: Chen Yanhao (Chn); 400m hurdle: Mubarak S Al-Nusifafaj (Qat); high jump: Zhou Zhongge (Chn); pole vault: Potapovich Igor (Kaz); long jump: Morinaga Masaki (Jpn); triple jump: Duan Qifeng (Chn); shot put: Bilal Saad Mubarak (Qat); discus: Li Shaohjie (Chn); hammer: Andrey Abdullalib (Uzb); javelin: Zhang Lianbiao (Chn); 4x100m relay: China team 1, Zhou Wei 2, Lin Wei 3, Yin Hanzhao 4, Han Chaoming 5, (reserve) Ito Koji (Japan); 4x400m relay: I. Sugath Tillakararatne (Sri) 2, Masayoshi Kan (Jpn) 3, Kenji Tabata (Jpn) 4, Chen Yuxiang (Chn) 5, (reserve) Mubarak Al-Nubifaraj (Qat).
- Women**
- 100m: Yan Jiankui (Chn); 200m: Yan Jiankui; 400m: Damayanthi Darsha (Sri); 800m: Zhang Jian (Chn); 1,500m: Liu Jing (Chn); 3,000m: Wang Chunmei (Chn); 5,000m: Liu Shixiang (Chn); 100m hurdle: Olga Shishigina (Kaz); 400m hurdle: Li Rui (Chn); high jump: Miki Imai (Jpn); long jump: Guan Yingnan (Chn); triple jump: Ren Ruiping (Chn); shot put: Li Li Meisu (Chn); discus: Liu Fengying (Chn); javelin: Li Lei (Chn); 4x100m relay: India team 1. Saraswati Dey 2. Rachita Mistry 3. E.B Shyla 4. P.T. Usha 5. (reserve) Yan Jiankui (Chn); 4x400m relay: 1. Damayanthi Darsha (Sri) 2. Svetlana Bodritskaya (Kaz) 3. P.T. Usha (Ind) 4. Chen Yuxiang (Chn) 5. (reserve) Li Rui (Chn).

**Moeller on the move?**

COPENHAGEN, Aug 26 (Reuters/Internet): Denmark's World Cup striker Peter Moeller is to sign for Spanish first division Oviedo this week, Danish media reported on Wednesday. Moeller, 26, joined Dutch club PSV Eindhoven a year ago from Danish champions Brondby. Moeller's contract with Oviedo would run until 2001. No details of the transfer fee were given.

**Steffi starts in style**



**STEFFI GRAF**

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut, Aug 26: A business-like Steffi Graf dismantled Henrieta Nagyova of Slovakia 6-1, 6-3 Tuesday night to advance to the quarterfinals of the Pilot Pen International women's tournament, reports AP. Graf, tournament's No 4 seed and the winner of 21 Grand Slam singles titles, pounded Nagyova deep with powerful, sideline-hugging groundstrokes. She won the first set in 20 minutes, breaking the No 24-ranked Nagyova twice. "That was my main goal, just to go as relaxed out there as I can," said Graf, who decided to enter the tournament to work on her admittedly suffering confidence and consistency. She has won only one match in each of her last two tournaments. Nagyova, who had won two tournaments this year and both her Fed Cup matches against Belgium, could not even capitalize on several service break opportunities Graf allowed in the second set. Graf, 29, is in the midst of a comeback bid, with the Pilot Pen her ninth tournament. Ranked 38th in the world, she has reached the semifinals three times this year. "Obviously I want to play that kind of tennis against the top players," she said. Graf will face the winner of Wednesday's match between Russian sensation Anna Kournikova and Amanda Co-

etzzer of South Africa. In the day's biggest upset, Amelie Mauresmo of France beat countrywoman Nathalie Tauziat, 7-6 (7-4), 6-0. Mauresmo, who is ranked No 32 in the world, said she was not surprised to beat the fifth-seeded qualifier, from setting up at the net. "I think I can still play more aggressive," said Schnyder, who has won five tournaments this year and is ranked No 10 in the world. Even with her victories, Schnyder, 19, said she has become used to staying out of the spotlight now being lavished on the younger, rising stars of women's tennis. "I like my life. I wouldn't want to change with them," she said of players such as Martina Hingis and Kournikova. "Of course, I would like to play more Centre Court... (so) I think they have an advantage, but still, I mean, as long as I win my matches it is all right also."



**STEFFI GRAF**

Tauziat, the Wimbledon finalist who is ranked No 9 in the world. "I know I can beat the best players," she said. Also Tuesday, sixth-seeded Patty Schnyder of Switzerland used her impressive forehand to beat Rita Grande of Italy 6-4, 6-3 and advance to the second round. Schnyder used a combination of precision and power to prevent the taller Grande, a

**Sydney announces ticket prices**

SYDNEY, Aug 26: Tickets for the Sydney 2000 Olympics will cost between 10 dollars (6 US) and 1,382 dollars (830 US), it was announced today, reports AFP. With 9.6 million tickets available, the most expensive will be for finals sessions in swimming, athletics, men's basketball and artistic gymnastics. A top of the range session ticket will cost 453 dollars. The 1,382-dollar tickets are for prime seats at the opening and closing ceremonies. Under the ticketing policy of the Sydney Organising Committee for the Olympic Games (SOCOG), buyers will be limited to four tickets for the opening and closing ceremonies and six for any sporting events. Applications will be only through mail order, starting in mid-1999, with session preferences to be listed in order and full payment made in advance for the first preference. Some 750,000 tickets will be allocated to foreign national Olympic committee to be on sold within their countries.

SOCOG said Australians would have the greatest per capita access to tickets of any Olympic host nation, with 75 per cent of tickets available to them. In Atlanta in 1996 there were 12.2 million tickets on offer for a US population of 260 million, while in Barcelona there were 4.2 million tickets for 39 million Spaniards. Fifty two per cent of total tickets will go to the public offer, one per cent to the Olympic club, seven per cent to the gold pass stadium scheme, 11 per cent to Australian sponsors four per cent to global sponsors and eight per cent to foreign national Olympic committees. The media will have 12 per cent of seat space and athletes five. A total of 1.5 million tickets costing between 10 and 19 dollars are to be made available through an Olympic opportunity scheme aimed at Australian schools, community groups and the underprivileged. They will be for events such

**Crackdown on criminals**

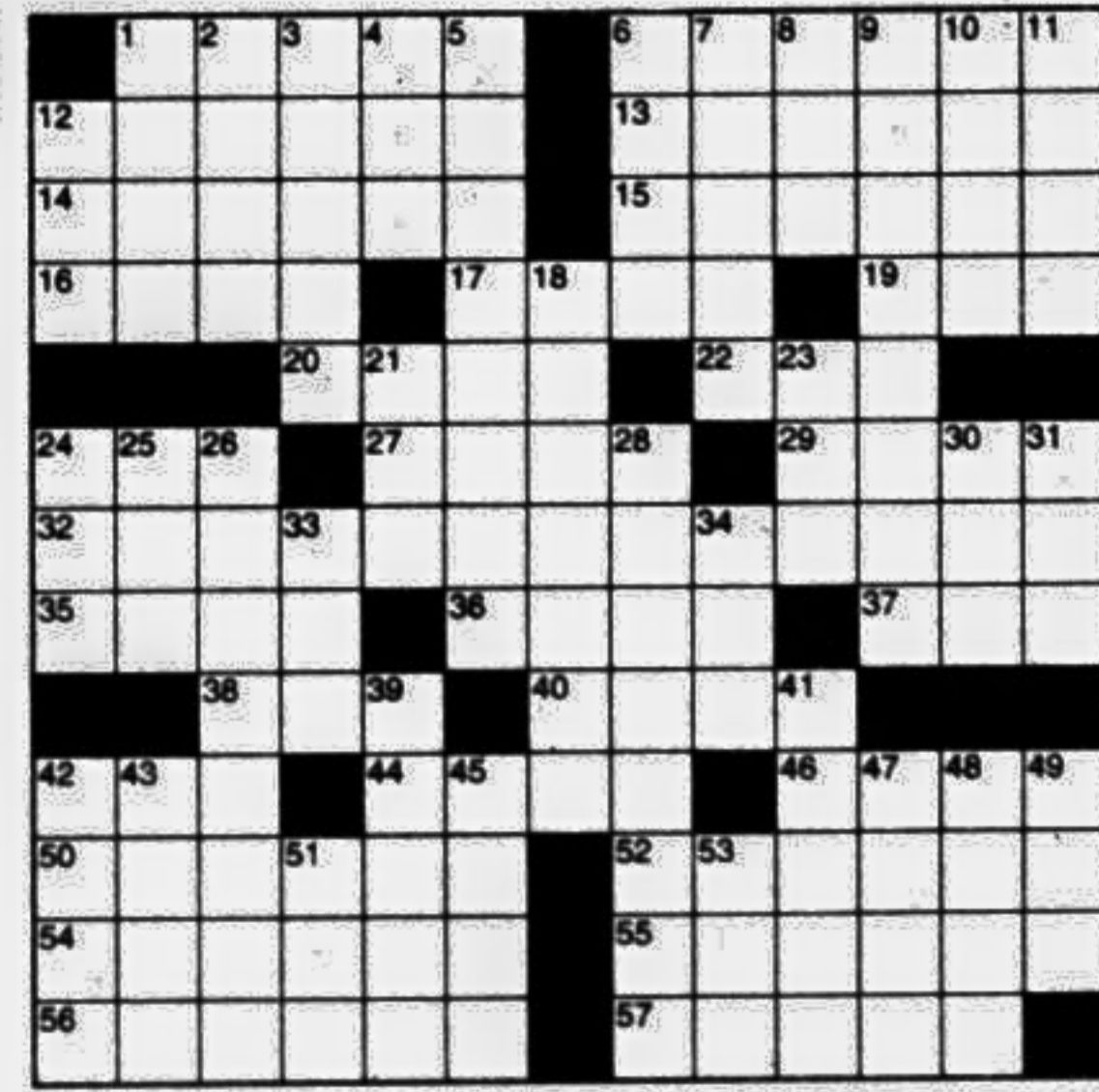
HANOI, Aug 26 (AP): Hanoi police have cracked down on known criminals to help ensure that the Tiger Cup soccer tournament runs smoothly, the Communist Party newspaper Nhan Dan reported Wednesday. Over the past three weeks, police have pursued 259 criminal cases involving 449 people, seizing three guns, 10 grenades and 35 motorbikes, the paper said. Most of those arrested were drug addicts who carried out street robberies, it said. The eight-nation Tiger Cup was to get under way later Wednesday and ends September 5. Four to five times the number of police normally deployed for soccer matches will be on hand, and all cans and bottles have been banned from Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City venues.



Carla Sacramento (R) of Portugal raises her arms in delight while crossing the finish line in the Women's Mile at the 'Athletissima' Grand Prix meet in Lausanne on August 25.

**CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer**

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- 1 Legend-ary outlaw
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  - 12 Where a day-dreamer's head is
  - 13 Each 14 Greek Mercury
  - 15 Hang around 16 Injure severely
  - 17 Vertex
  - 19 Commotion
  - 20 Fluctuate
  - 22 Took a meeting
  - 24 Endora's daughter
  - 27 Telegram
  - 29 Basketball team
  - 32 Court employee
  - 35 Cartoonist Peter
  - 36 Record 37 - and dart molding
  - 38 Praising piece
- DOWN**
- 3 40 Waxed
  - 42 Binge
  - 44 Sheltered
  - 46 Shot
  - 50 File
  - 52 Ill humor
  - 53 Necessary commodity
  - 55 Tranquillize
  - 56 Chopper's call
  - 57 Clean air
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  - 2 Actress
  - 3 Delicious
  - 4 He beat AES
  - 5 Lamb, e.g.
  - 6 Ointment
  - 7 Andy's kid, 25 Schedule abbr.
  - 8 Diarist
  - 9 Anais
  - 10 On the rocks
  - 11 Elief's footstep-following son
  - 12 Head of the mtg.
  - 18 Prom
  - 21 Use plastic
  - 23 Congo's cont.
  - 24 Resort
  - 26 Handkerchief design
  - 28 Coffee-lover's treat
  - 30 Be a couch potato
  - 31 Work unit
  - 33 Food fish
  - 34 Shoe's width
  - 39 Two under par
  - 41 Handful's lost boy
  - 42 Witticism
  - 43 Con
  - 45 Sly look
  - 47 Average
  - 48 Apportion
  - 49 Opening number
  - 51 Police alert abbr.
  - 53 Some kids dispense with it



**CRYPTOQUIP**  
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K R H I Y V X Z Y H P X P  
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O Y V V U P ?  
Yesterday's Cryptogram: IT'S OFTEN TRUE THAT A HUMAN CANNONBALL HAS TO BE A MAN OF UTMOST CALIBER.  
Today's Cryptogram clue: U equals L  
The Cryptogram 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.