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SPORTS TALK

Stefan Reuter

[German soccer player]
"I will not play (for Germany) again with (Berti) Vogts in charge. My decision has nothing to do with my age but was dictated by my relationships with Vogts."
Said recently.

AFC after corruption

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 9: The Asian Football Confederation (AFC) is to launch a new campaign to stamp out soccer corruption after a recent resurgence of the scoure, reports AFP.

Bribery and corruption will top the agenda at the AFC executive meeting here Friday, said its general secretary Peter Velappan.

"We are deeply concerned that if we cannot pull the plug on this problem, the gains of Asian football over the past decade will be reversed, this will be disastrous and we cannot allow it," he said in a statement.

The authorities in several southeast Asian countries, including Malaysia and Singapore, have been tried but there have been several alarming cases in recent months.

The reputation of Asian soccer took a new battering last week when Thailand and Indonesian were fined after both sides tried to lose their Tiger Cup match in Vietnam.

Jupp turns down German job

BONN, Sept 9 (Reuters/ Internet): Jupp Heynckes said on Tuesday he had turned down an offer to be Germany's soccer coach.

As he was not under contract to any club, the former Real Madrid coach was favourite to replace Berti Vogts who stepped down amid intense media pressure on Monday. Heynckes said he had been proposed for the job by German Soccer Federation (DFB) president Egidius Braun but decided not to accept it.

"Unfortunately, I had to refuse an offer to train the national team for personal reasons," said Heynckes, whose wife was admitted to hospital on Monday.

The 53-year-old Heynckes, who quit Real after guiding them to the European Cup last season, had received the backing of Vogts's predecessor Franz Beckenbauer, the influential Bayern Munich president.

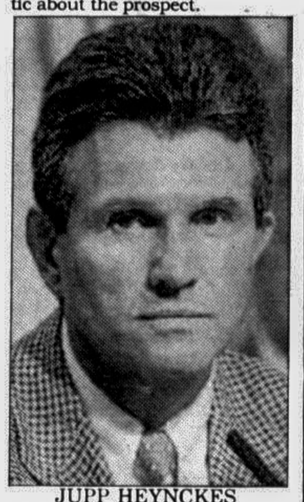
"Worries about the health of my wife Iris who, after two operations, was admitted to a Moenchengladbach hospital with serious circulation problems on Monday mean I have not the possibility at the moment to be involved in the preparation for an important European championship qualifier," Heynckes said in a statement.

Vogts's sudden resignation has left Germany looking for a saviour just weeks before the start of their European championship qualifying campaign, away to Turkey on October 10.

After Vogts -- under fire since his side's World Cup quarter-final defeat by Croatia in July -- resigned, the DFB said a successor would be appointed "as soon as possible".

Other possible candidates are Bundesliga coaches Christoph Daum, Ottmar Hitzfeld and Otto Rehhagel.

Daum said he thought the best solution would be for Beckenbauer to return, at least on a caretaker basis. But the man who steered Germany to their last World Cup triumph, in Italy in 1990, sounded unenthusiastic about the prospect.



JUPP HEYNCKES

"I have no more relation to the training business," Beckenbauer said. "When I think about it I don't feel comfortable. I have no wish to sit on the bench again."

Vogts stirred controversy last month by saying that neither Bayern Munich coach Hitzfeld nor Kaiserslautern boss Rehhagel would ever get his post.

Both, however, must be included in the list of possible successors.

Hitzfeld is interested but Beckenbauer said he was not willing to free his coach who joined Bayern this season after leading Borussia Dortmund to the 1997 European Cup.

Rehhagel, who helped Kaiserslautern become the first promoted side to win the Bundesliga title, refused to get involved in the discussion on Germany's future coach.

Vogts' head cut off!

BONN, Sept 9 (Reuters/ Internet): Berti Vogts's head was not cut off but simply removed because it needed fixing.

A sculpture in Moenchengladbach representing Vogts and two other great players from the proud past of the city's club Borussia was believed to have been destroyed after Vogts's head went missing.

But local police said on Wednesday that the head, which was loose and in danger of falling off, was being repaired and would soon be put back in its place.

The mass-circulation Bild newspaper used a photograph of Vogts's headless statue on Wednesday to illustrate a story on the man who stepped down as national team coach on Monday.

"The statue which represents Vogts had its head cut off," Bild wrote, noting that the statues of the two other former Moenchengladbach stars, Guenter Netzer and Herbert "Hacki" Wimmer, were intact.

Vogts played for Moenchengladbach throughout his long career, during which the club won the German league title five times and the UEFA Cup twice.

Cruyff Franz's choice

FRANKFURT, Sept 9: Franz Beckenbauer once again ruled himself out for the job of Germany's soccer coach Wednesday and suggested Johan Cruyff would be the ideal man for the post, reports AP.

But the front runner for the job appeared to be Ulli Stielike, a junior coach with the German soccer federation (DFB).

Beckenbauer, a former star player who guided Germany to their third and last World Cup title in 1990, still exerts great influence in German soccer.

Already in a slump after the ouster in the quarterfinals of the World Cup this summer, German soccer was thrown into further turmoil when Berti Vogts resigned as the national team coach Monday.

DFB officials have been unable to find a successor, with several candidates turning down the job.

"It remains so that I am definitely not available," Beckenbauer wrote Wednesday in his column in the mass-circulation newspaper Bild.

"The coaching job was a part of my life that has been closed for good," Beckenbauer said.

Thais after Brazilian coach

BANGKOK, Sept 9: Thai football authorities today said they will invite a Brazilian coach to train the national squad after accepting the resignation of both the team's manager and coach, reports AFP.

The announcement by the Football Association of Thailand (FAT) comes amid mounting criticism of the side following a farcical Tiger Cup match against Indonesia in Vietnam last week.

The association committee met Tuesday and accepted the resignation of team manager Thirachai Vutthitham and coach Vittaya Laohakul after the team tried to deliberately lose the game.

The association will invite Brazilian coach Carlos Alberto Cavalho, who took Thailand to the fourth place in the 1990 Asian Games in Beijing.

If the Brazilian agrees, his first tournament would be the 13th Asian Games in Bangkok this December.

FAT chairman Vijit Getkaew will take over as acting manager until an appropriate replacement can be found.

However, an official from the football association declined to comment on the resignation of any Thai players, adding that the list of players for the Games would be announced on Thursday.

No more matches in Stockholm

STOCKHOLM, Sept 9 (Reuters/ Internet): No more international club matches will be held in Stockholm because of the high police costs of manning them, Swedish Football Association president Lars-Ake Lagrell said on Wednesday.

"We give up. We have not made a formal decision yet but the mood in Stockholm is easy to interpret," Lagrell told the daily newspaper Svenska Dagbladet.

"It's a matter of politics and internal fights in the police core about money. There is a lot of grumbling."

Policing of last May's European Cup Winners' Cup final in Stockholm in which Chelsea beat VfB Stuttgart 1-0 cost police an estimated five million Swedish crowns ($631,200), with about 1,000 police on duty.

About 13,000 British and 4,000 German fans descended on the Swedish capital for the Chelsea-Stuttgart match. Eight people were arrested in incidents before and after the game.

Rupert owns Red Devils

MANCHESTER, England, Sept 9 (Reuters/ Internet): With one swift movement of his pen Martin Edwards became the most hated man in Manchester on Wednesday.

The United chairman's decision to sign on the dotted line and sell the club to Rupert Murdoch's BSkyB empire for 625 million pounds ($1.02 billion) means he has set himself up for a lifetime of abuse from angry United fans.

But the 52-year-old could be forgiven for thinking he has every right to pocket 80 million pounds for his share in a club his family turned into the most financially successful in the world.

The Edwards family first steps into transforming United into what they are today came in the wake of the Munich Air Disaster in 1958 when Martin's father Louis became a director. The flamboyant businessman had seen the butcher's firm he had bought with his brother Doug blossom and wanted to spend some of his money on his beloved Manchester United.

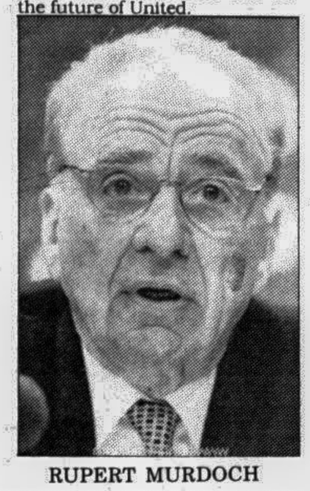
He contacted shareholders and tempted them with a very generous 15 pounds (then around $45) a share offer that many thought was too good to refuse.

Doug and Louis' brother-in-law Denzil Haroun also bought up shares to give the Edwards a firm standing on the board.

It was a transaction that has seen United benefit ever since as the club grew first under Louis and then reached new heights as Martin took over the mantle.

Louis forged a close friendship with manager Sir Matt Busby and his stylish celebrations of the Reds' two Championship wins in 1965 and 1967 and United's 1968 European Cup triumph brought him the nickname of "Champagne Louis".

Despite the success, forward thinking Louis was keen to ensure his son shared the same passion and vision he had for the future of United.



RUPERT MURDOCH

Old Trafford: MU's theatre of dreams

He took Martin to his first match as a six-year-old in 1952 and appointed him as a director at the young age of 24 in 1970.

But the private school-educated Edwards junior was a rugby fan first and foremost and preferred the meat business to football, helping build his father's firm into a 10 million pounds company.

Only when his father died in 1980 from a heart attack, weeks after a TV programme alleged some of his business practices were not legitimate, did Martin become focused on Old Trafford.

He took over as chairman at the age of 34 with a 16 per cent shareholding that he increased to 50 per cent by borrowing huge sums from the bank.

He went overdrawn to the sum of 200,000 pounds to buy 1,000 shares from a director before the company went on the stock market in June 1991.

And when United did become a publicly quoted company Edwards borrowed another 600,000 pounds to increase his shareholding to more than 50 per cent.

In the seven years since United launched on the Stock Exchange the shrewd Edwards has cut his stake in the club considerably, making millions of pounds on the way.

When Murdoch approached Edwards with a view to him selling his stake his share had dropped to 14 per cent - a figure still big enough to make him the key figure in negotiations over the deal.

For Edwards the sale is a reward for his business skills that have guided United to huge corporate status in less than 10 years.

And he will be thankful that two previous efforts at selling the club failed. He came close to relinquishing control to Murdoch's former media mogul rival Robert Maxwell in 1984.

The ex-head of the Mirror Group balked at raising his 10 million bid to 15 million pounds and the deal collapsed.

Then in 1989 the Carlisle chairman Michael Knighton also attempted a 10 million pounds takeover only to pull out "for the good of the club."

So Edwards' failed bids to sell the club have ended up with him enjoying a cash bonanza and a chance to continue the Edwards dynasty with the offer of a seat on the board by Murdoch.

A seat many believe could become untenable if the unforgiving United fans deliver their promises of showing their displeasure at the man they feel sold them out.

Manchester United fans vowed on Wednesday to fight every inch of the way to stop their club being taken over by Murdoch.

"We call on the board of Manchester United to have second thoughts about what they are doing and reject the offer," said association chairman Andy Walsh.

"Mr Murdoch may have walked all over the United States of America and the rest of the world, but he's not going to walk all over Manchester."

"Martin Edwards is happy to run off with cash that was made off the back of the Manchester United supporters and the legends that have played for this club in the last 30 years."

Vieri, Lazio's trumpcard

ROME, Sept 9 (AP): If Christian Vieri stays with Lazio of Rome long enough, he might bring the team their first Italian League title since 1974. But that's a big if.

In his swift rise to prominence in international soccer, Vieri has made to things perfectly clear: he has a gift for scoring goals and he doesn't stay with one club for long.

By moving to Lazio last month from Spanish club Atletico Madrid on a 30 million dollars transfer fee and signing a five-year, 15 million dollars contract, the burly forward joined his eighth club in seven seasons.

After landing Vieri, Lazio owner Sergio Cragnotti proclaimed his team ready to win the Serie A title. The season starts this weekend, with Lazio at Piacenza.

"Vieri is not synonymous with 'title', but it makes sense that Lazio would expect a lot from me, given how much it's paying me," the 25-year-old player said. "But I don't feel the weight of being the big signing nor do I want to be called the anti-Ronaldo."

The burden of expectations is enormous.

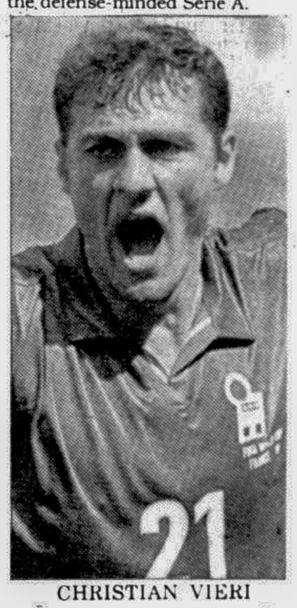
Vieri is not only seen as the key to Lazio's hopes, but is widely considered the brightest star on Italy's embattled national team. He already has eight goals in just 14 appearances with the Azzurri, including five goals during the World Cup.

At Lazio, Vieri is slated to pair in attack with another new arrival and World Cup standout, Chile's Marcelo Salas. While on paper the duo seems capable of scoring in bunches, neither is likely to create many opportunities for the other. They both tend to specialize in putting the ball in the back of the net, rather than setting up teammates.

That could be a problem, though Vieri insists it won't be.

"Personally, I have a lot of confidence," he said. "I am sure that with great players like (Spanish midfielder Ivan) De la Pena and (veteran Roberto) Mancini, who are perfect passers, it will be easy for me to find shots on goal. If I am well physically, I don't fear anything or anyone."

His biggest assest may be his physique. At 6-foot-1 (1.85 metres) and 180 pounds (82 kilograms), Vieri can muscle many defenders off the ball. While at times he can seem clumsy, he can score with both feet and is dangerous in aerial play. Stil, this will be his first season as the focal point of an attack in the defense-minded Serie A.



CHRISTIAN VIERI

With so many new parts — De la Pena was also signed over the summer, as were eight of 11 starters Lazio used when they beat defending Series A champions Juventus of Turin 2-1 in August for the Italian SuperCup — it could take some time for Lazio to gel.

Some have questioned whether Vieri's penchant for moving from team to team reflects an inability to get along with coaches or teammates. A very public flap with Atletico — sparked by the striker showing up later for an exhibition game — preceded his switch to Lazio.

But Vieri says his moves are merely the result of him taking advantage of his hot stock to improve his situation.

And he does come by his wanderlust honestly. Vieri lived for 11 years in Australia with his French mother and Italian father, a player-turned-coach.

While it may be too much to ask of Vieri and Co to take the title this season, the future — if there is one in Rome for the traveling scorer — could be bright for him and Lazio.

"Compared to Juventus, we're hungrier," said Vieri, who spent the 1996-97 with the Turin team. "When was the last time Lazio won the league title?"

CAREER SKETCH

A look at the career of Italian striker Christian Vieri, who transferred from Spanish club Atletico Madrid to Lazio of Rome last month:

1992-93: Torino (Serie A), 0 goals in 1 game; Pisa (Serie B), 2 goals in 18 games.

1993-94: Ravenna (Serie B), 12 goals in 32 games.

1994-95: Venezia (Serie B), 11 goals in 29 games.

1995-96: Atalanta of Bergamo (Serie A), 7 goals in 19 games.

1996-97: Juventus of Turin (Serie A), 8 goals in 23 games.

1997-98: Atletico Madrid (Spanish League), 24 goals in 24 games.

1998-99: Lazio of Rome (Serie A).

Randell chooses preliminary hearing

HOBART, Sept 9: Australia's leading Test cricket umpire Steve Randell, who faces 26 charges of sexual abuse today opted for a preliminary hearing to be held early next year, reports AFP.

His lawyer Kim Baumeler told Hobart magistrates court that Randell would opt for an uncontested committal hearing rather than have the case go straight to the Supreme Court.

Randell, 42, has pleaded not guilty to 25 charges of indecent assault and one of sexual intercourse with a person under 17 years of age.

The offences allegedly occurred between 1979 and 1995 in various parts of Tasmania.

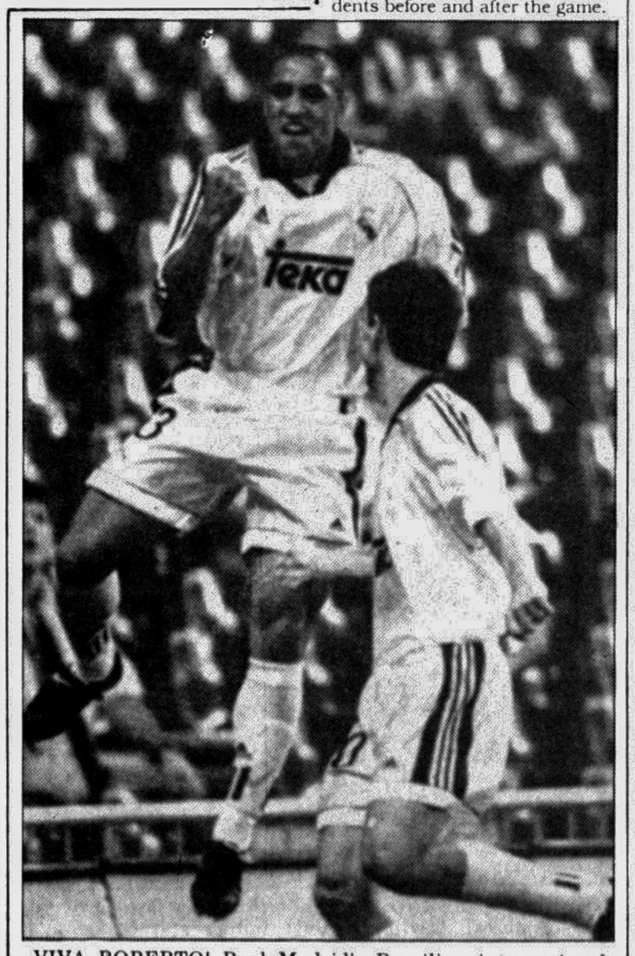
Randell, a primary school teacher who has stood in an Australian record 36 Tests, spoke only to confirm his identity at today's brief appearance.

Under Tasmanian law, an uncontested committal is a hearing before a magistrate in which the defence decides the prosecution witnesses it wishes to call and cross examine.

It is not a hearing to establish the prosecution case and it must go on to the Supreme Court.

Magistrate Sam Mollard tentatively set aside five days from January 18 for the committal and granted Randell bail to appear for mention on November 30.

Randell has stood down from umpiring until the charges are dealt with.



VIVA ROBERTO! Real Madrid's Brazilian international Roberto Carlos (L) and compatriot Savio celebrating Carlos' strike against Uruguay's Penarol during their Santiago Bernabeu trophy match at Madrid on September 8. — AP/UNB photo

World Cup 2002

Seoul for unified host

SEOUL, Sept 9 (Reuters/ Internet): South Korea's ruling party is pushing for a unified soccer team with North Korea and wants the Stalinist country to host some of the matches in the 2002 World Cup finals, a party document released on Wednesday said.

President Kim Dae-jung's party, the National Congress for New Politics, released the document to brief its lawmakers of the party's position on various issues ahead of a National Assembly session, a party spokesman said.

The document said the World Cup finals "will create an opportunity for national unity and the Korean people's unity", and that the party was pushing to "lure North Korea's participation through forming a single team and holding events in the North".

The document also said that in order to hold matches in North Korea, the South would have to reduce the 10 cities already designated to host the finals and could do that if some cities facing financial difficulties gave up their seats.

South Korea and Japan are scheduled to co-host the upcoming 2002 FIFA World Cup finals.

Former FIFA president Joao Havelange has urged North Korea to join the South and Japan in co-hosting the 2002 World Cup.

But his successor, Sepp Blatter, seemed to distance himself from the idea of North Korea staging any matches.

"(Hosting of) the World Cup was awarded to Japan and South Korea, not North Korea. North Korea is a separate country," Sepp told a news conference last July.

Chung Mong-joon, president of the Korea Football Association in the South, has said FIFA could help ease tension and speed reunification on the Korean peninsula.

In June, South Korea approved a request by Chung to send a letter inviting the North to host some of the matches. It is not known if the letter has been sent.

North Korea's response has been vague. In June, South Korean media reports quoted North Korean soccer official Choi Pyung-ju as saying there was no hurry to decide on the possibility of hosting some World Cup matches.

Even if the North does agree to being a partial host, large obstacles remain. These include issues such as upgrading stadiums in the north to meet FIFA's standards and guaranteeing security for foreign players and spectators.

Sports has been used in the past as a bridge between the two Koreas which sent a united team to the 1991 World Youth Soccer championships and fielded table tennis teams for international tournaments in the early 1990s.

The National Congress position on including North Korea is in line with President Kim's "Sunshine Policy" which aims to open up the reclusive communist North through expanded cultural and business exchanges.

North Korea on Wednesday celebrated the 50th anniversary of the founding of the state, and has recently confirmed the power of its enigmatic leader Kim Jong-il.

Moratti looks forward

MILAN, Sept 9 (AFP): Creativity will be the key to Inter Milan's bid for glory this season, according to the Italian club's president Massimo Moratti.

The oil baron, who has invested tens of millions of dollars in bringing together soccer idols Ronaldo and Roberto Baggio, believes that flights of fantasy, as well as fighting spirit, are the key to the Serie A title.

After being denied the league title last season amidst allegations of refereeing bias towards Juventus, Inter start the new season on Sunday against newly-promoted Cagliari, and Moratti is convinced he has a winning team.

"This year, everything looks good for us coming out on top," he said.

"We'll be starting out determined to try and win everything, but we won't be presumptuous, otherwise, we might end up winning nothing at all."

SIX NO TRUMPS

A K Sayeedul Huq

EXCELLENT PARTNERSHIP UNDERSTANDING

(Hand # 89)

North
♠ S: A K X
♥ H: 8 X X X
♦ D: A Q X
♣ C: Q 10 8

West
♠ S: 8 7 X X
♥ H: A K Q J 10 9
♦ D: 10 9 8
♣ C: None

East
♠ S: Q J 10 9 X
♥ H: 7 6 X
♦ D: K X X X
♣ C: X X

South (D)
♠ S: X
♥ H: None
♦ D: J 7 6 5
♣ C: A K J 9 7 6 5 4

BIDDING (Both sides were vulnerable)

South	West	North	East
3 Clubs	3 Hearts	3 Spades	Double
4 Clubs	4 Hearts	4 Diamonds	Pass
6 Clubs	Pass	Pass	Pass

The partnership understanding was that in response to pre-emptive opening the responder would show control with a good hand. In the above diagram, North with good support in the partner's pre-empted suit first showed Spade and then Diamond controls. These were not the suits to establish contract. With void in Hearts South booked game in 6 Clubs.

THE PLAY

West led the King of Hearts which was ruffed by the declarer. The trumps were cleared in two rounds, and then the declarer played a small Diamond to the Queen of Diamond which was lost to the West's King. That was the only trick lost by the declarer. With good partnership understanding, an excellent contract was reached and made.

CROSSWORD *By Eugene Sheffer*

ACROSS
1 Forehead
5 Leno's prominence
8 Resolute
12 Part of the Corn Belt
13 Kimono sash
14 Draftable
15 Great duration
17 Bruins' home
18 A billion years
19 Incursions
21 Congo, till recently
24 Jest
25 Sitcom story lines
26 Sleeping cars
30 Modified: prefix
31 Pre-diploma hurdles
32 Cauldron
33 Americanize
35 Furriers' foe
36 "— said!"
37 Holyfield, e.g.
38 "— see you first!"
41 Depressed
42 Ht.
43 Emulate RuPaul
48 Fairy-tale beast
49 Ark passenger
50 Continental coin
51 Siestas
52 Ring decision
53 Oboist's need

DOWN
1 Cartoonist Keane
2 Kanga's kid
3 Possess
4 $2 transactions
5 Folksinger Armatrading
6 — Dhabi
7 With intent (alt. sp.)
8 Teatime
9 Erstwhile Peruvian
10 Hinge (on)
11 "Serpico" author
16 Weeding tool
20 Desqueaks
21 Wild and crazy
22 Length times width
23 Pedestal occupant
24 Drink
26 Lead-in to the main bout
27 Pinnacle
28 Staff member?
29 Dressing room denizen
31 Oiseau, once
34 Cutlery
35 Fine snow
37 "— voyage!"
38 Night light
39 Gymnast Korbut
40 Maryland athlete, familiarly
41 Wheels of fortune
44 Erstwhile acorn
45 Wish undone
46 Exist
47 George Burns role

Solution time: 24 mins.

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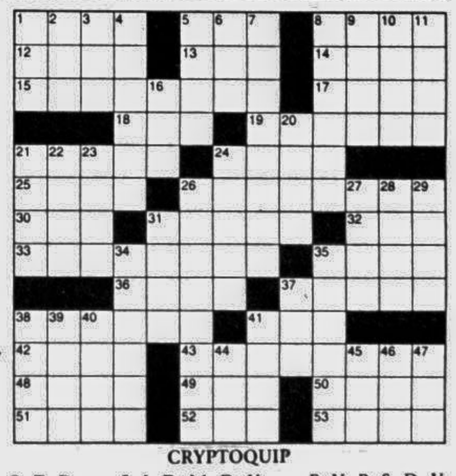

CRYPTOQUIP

G T D S I D M D V F V P S D V H B C H C G C G T Q G D F F C T D I I C Q V D G T H B P M Q S P Q G C.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: CUTE WORDS PRINTED ON SIDE OF OIL TRUCK: WE LIKE TO FUEL PEOPLE.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: F equals G

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.