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- 1 How old is Sir Don Bradman? 2 Who is Newcastle's new coach? 3 Who is the defending Wimbledon champion? 4 Who won the Club Cup hockey title? 5 Who lifted Emirates tri-series?

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SPORTS TALK



Pete Sampras

(World No 1 tennis player) 'I give him the credit, but I was not the player I usually am. I need some rest to recharge the batteries.'

Gullit spells it out for Shearer

LONDON, Sept 10 (Reuters/Internet): Newcastle United manager Ruud Gullit has told striker Alan Shearer the team comes before any individual after Wednesday's 1-0 defeat at Aston Villa.

Carlton aims at Sky with Arsenal

LONDON, Sept 10 (Reuters/Internet): British media company Carlton Communications Plc on Thursday launched a counter-attack against Rupert Murdoch's BSkyB by announcing plans to ally itself with London soccer club Arsenal.

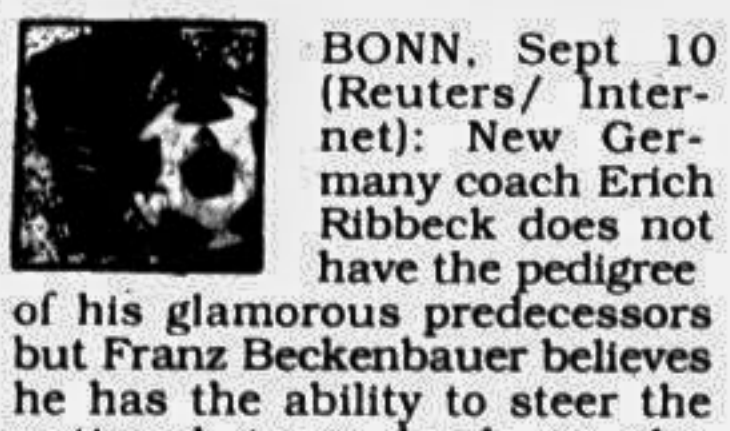
Italian Davis Cuppers

ROME, Sept 10: Italy's Davis Cup skipper Paolo Bertolucci on Wednesday selected Andrea Panatta, Diego Nargiso, Gianluca Pozzi and Davide Sanguinetti to face the United States later this month, reports AFP.

Tang retires

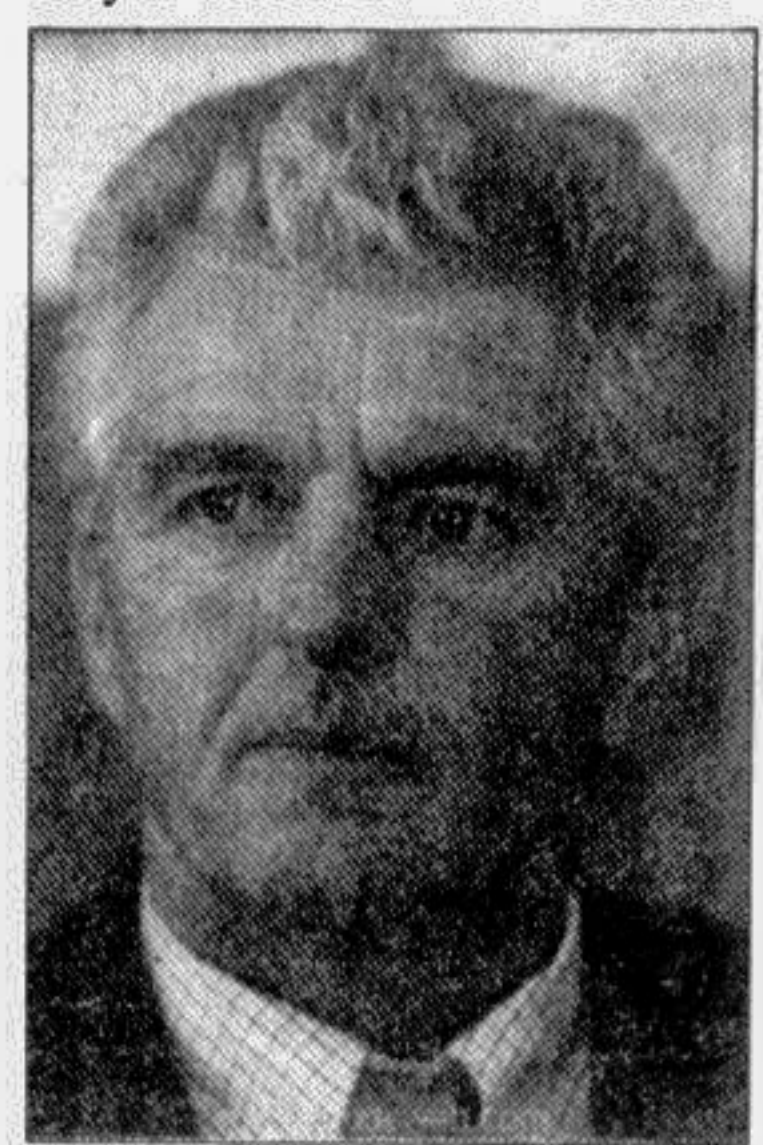
BEIJING, Sept 10: The Chinese lifter who broke the 59-kilogram class world record to win China's first Olympic weightlifting gold in 12 years, had retired from competition, the state news agency Xinhua reported, says AFP.

Ribbeck fills Vogts' shoes



BONN, Sept 10 (Reuters/Internet): New Germany coach Erich Ribbeck does not have the pedigree of his glamorous predecessors but Franz Beckenbauer believes he has the ability to steer the national team back to the pinnacle of world soccer.

day. Bundesliga coaches Christoph Daum, Ottmar Hitzfeld and Otto Rehhagel were also touted as possible replacements but all three are tied to their clubs.



ERICH RIBBECK

magazine Kicker in an interview released on Thursday that Kaiserslautern coach Rehhagel was his favourite candidate.

many's poor showing at the 1984 European championship, has a national coach resigned before the end of his contract.

Unlike Vogts or Beckenbauer, Ribbeck achieved little as a player with spells at SSV 1904 Wuppertal, city rivals Wuppertal SV and Viktoria Cologne.

It remains to be seen whether Ribbeck will gamble by picking untested players or will recall members of the old guard recently cast aside by Vogts like Thomas Haessler, Jurgen Kohler and Andreas Moeller.

Johansson says 'no'

ISTANBUL, Sept 10 (Reuters/Internet): UEFA president Lennart Johansson said on Thursday he was confident that UEFA's plans to reform their club competitions would prevent the creation of a break-away European Super League.

"We are not looking for a compromise. We are not going to cooperate with a private league," he said.

There is a risk that the soul of football...is getting lost and if something like this should happen we will all suffer.



THE GREAT MAN IS BACK: Inter Milan's Brazilian superstar Ronaldo (R) back in the thick of things during an Italian Cup second round match at Milan's San Siro Stadium on September 9. This was Ronaldo's first appearance since the World Cup final on July 12.

Favourites in fine fettle

Genoa. There were 16 first leg, second round games Wednesday, and the biggest upset saw Second-Division Brescia edge Vicenza 3-2.

Italy. Playing for the first time since a disappointing World Cup final, Ronaldo was rusty as his club Internazionale of Milan edged Second-Division Cesena 1-0 in an Italian Cup second round game.

England. Dwight Yorke and Ole Gunnar Solskjaer fired in two goals each as Manchester United put in a vintage performance to beat Charlton 4-1.

Holland. Ajax Amsterdam stroled to an easy 5-1 victory over AZ Alkmaar their third straight win this season.

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At White Hart Lane, acting manager David Pleat steered Tottenham to their first win since head coach Christian Gross was sacked last Saturday.

In the Scottish League Cup matches, Hearts grabbed a win over Ross County in a 3-0 penalty shootout after the scores were level 1-1 at fulltime.

Despite their nine points for the season, goal difference puts Ajax third in the league behind Feyenoord Rotterdam and FC Utrecht, who stormed to a 4-1 victory at MVV Maastricht.

And even sharper shooting from South African international Benni McCarthy took the Amsterdammers into half time at 2-0.

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The Dons looked sure-losers at 3-0 down after 26 minutes but snatched one of the most amazing reversals in Premier League history when Efan Ekoku grabbed the clincher in the dying minutes.

A Lee Hendrie penalty in the 63rd minute gave Aston Villa a 1-0 win over Newcastle, which

was enough to elevate the Clarets and Blues into second place in the league standings.

Frenchie man David Ginola came to the fore in the absence of the Spurs two England stars.

Defending champions Arsenal registered their third consecutive tie of the Premier League campaign with a 0-0 result against Chelsea at Stamford Bridge.

But Munich, moving the ball with a stylishness and imagination missing in recent years, delighted a crowd of 53,000 at their Olympiastadium by refusing to let up on Rostock.

Alexander Zickler connected in the 72nd minute against a side that barely missed a UEFA Cup berth last season, fellow striker Carsten Janker struck a minute later, and Zickler again in the 85th.

Munich's fast start was aided when Hamburg's downed Bayer Leverkusen 2-1, Dortmund struggled to a 0-0 draw against promoted FC Nuremberg, and Hertha Berlin blanked Schalke 2-0.

FC Kaiserslautern, the defending champions, also ended up on the wrong end of a 4-0 rout with Stuttgart Tuesday. In other matches that day, it was Wolfsburg 1-1, Wolfsburg-Freiburg 1-1, Bochum 2-0, Bremen 0 and Moenchengladbach-Frankfurt 1-1.

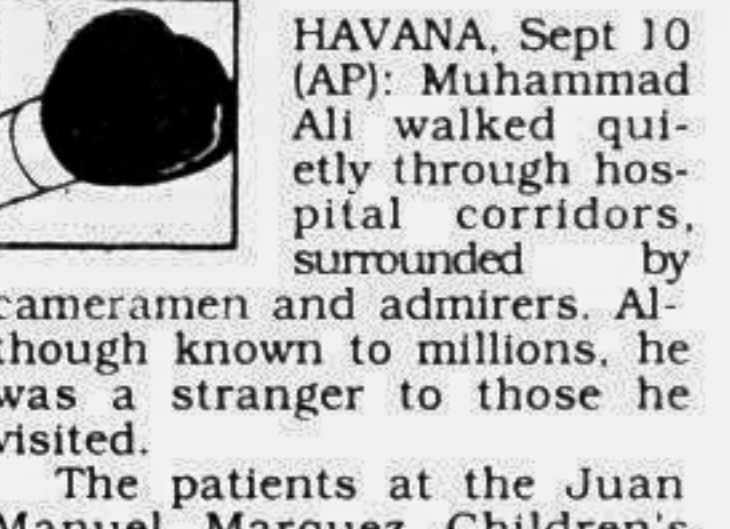
Bayer Leverkusen was beaten for the first time this season as German national team libero Jens Novotny was sent packing in the 24th minute after a foul.

Ghana's Anthony Yeboah shot from the spot flew past the net, but teammate Martin Groth scored twice against the undermanned Leverkusen, the last a game winner with three minutes left.

Erik Meier, inserted nine minutes earlier, had knotted the match in the 85th.

Norway's Kjetil Rekdal and Rene Treetschok set Berlin to the home victory over Schalke.

Ali takes 'em by surprise



HAVANA, Sept 10 (AP): Muhammad Ali walked quietly through hospital corridors, surrounded by cameramen and admirers.

The patients at the Juan Manuel Marquez Children's Hospital are too young to know who Muhammad Ali is, to know that he's "The Greatest," to remember his fights with Sonny Liston, Joe Frazier and George Foreman.

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Fund. The groups last month sent \$1.2 million in medical supplies to Cuba following up on the delivery, seeing how best they can address the country's health-care needs.

Fidel Castro's government has long considered Cuba's medical system, which provides quality health care to all citizens, one of its top achievements.

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Parkinson's, a degenerative nerve disease. His intellect is not affected.

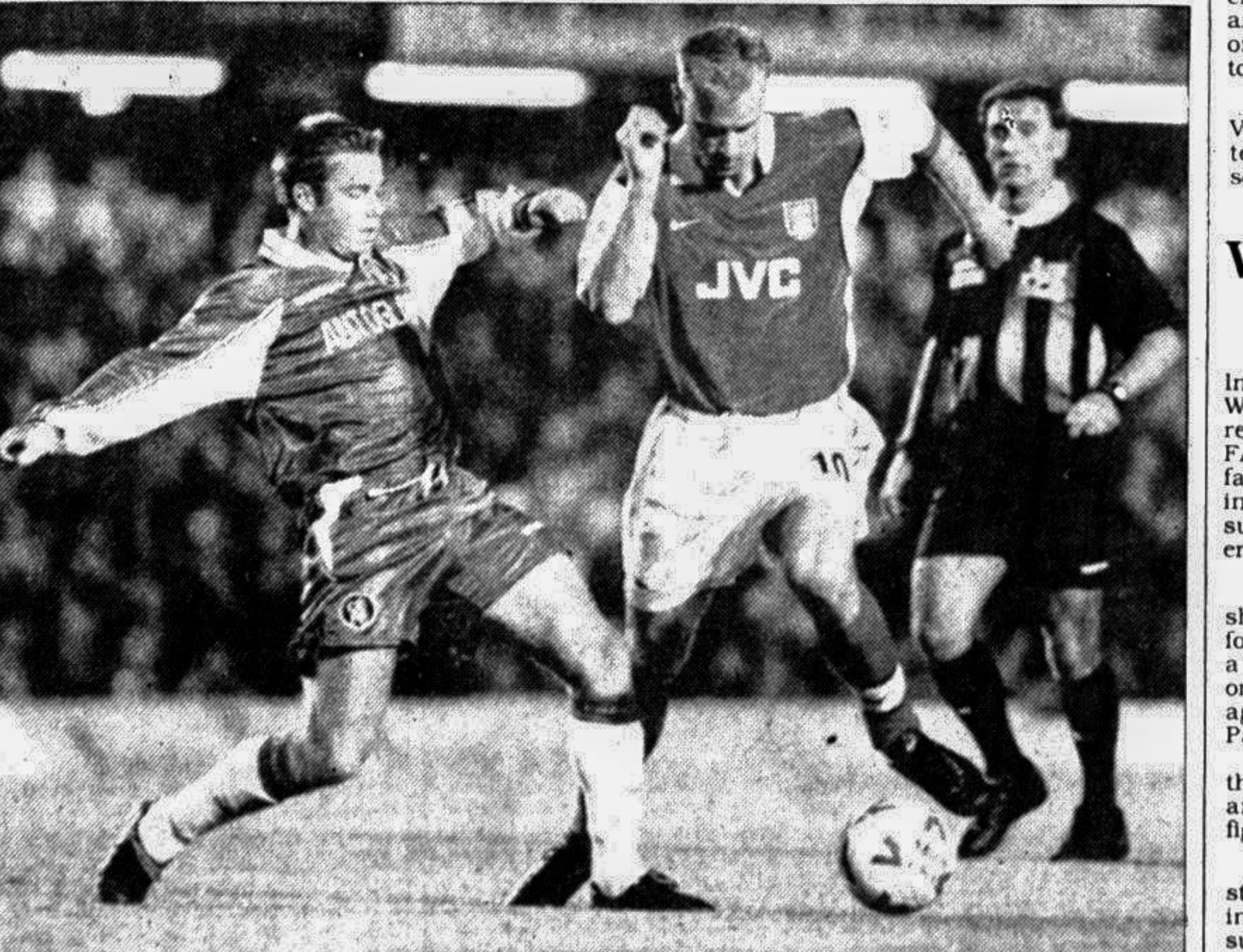
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Arsenal's Dutch ace Dennis Bergkamp looking for a way past Chelsea's England international Graeme Le Saux during an English Premiership match at London on September 9. The game ended goalless.

Wright gets into hot water

LONDON, Sept 10 (Reuters/Internet): West Ham striker Ian Wright will have to wait for the referee's report to the English FA before discovering if he faces punishment for displaying a T-shirt on Wednesday supporting striking fire fighters.

Wright lifted his West Ham shirt to reveal words of support for the striking fire workers on a T-shirt after scoring his second goal to put West Ham 3-0 up against Wimbledon at Upton Park.

But the night turned sour for the Hammers who succumbed to an astonishing Wimbledon fightback to lose 4-3.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS: 1 Oscar, 4 Noun suffix, 5 Lap dog, 8 Show biz, 12 Timber wolf, 13 Where to, 14 Caesar, 14 'ben, 15 Kids' card game, 17 Part of N.B., 18 Muralist, 19 Rang out, 21 Excessive, 24 Mainlander's memento, 25 Flutter, 28 In the thick of, 30 Garage, 34 They have their pride, 35 Through, 36 Earthy, 37 Golden, 38 Bruce's.

Cryptogram puzzle grid with letters K Z H N O Q H V J H H V U H U Z R U C J Z U P H J O R N M H Z J M H U C N W H U P M H J Z R U Q V K M W U U H

Yesterday's Cryptogram: THE CLEVER GROCER INSISTS THAT EGGSHELLS ARE THIN OVA COATS. Today's Cryptogram clue: W equals F. 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.