Rennie stops SL surge

BULAWAYO, Nov 8 (Reuters): Sri Lanka were held up by an unbroken century stand after medium pacer Indika Gallage took the first four wickets in their opening tour match against a Zimbabwe President's XI on Sunday.

Gallage reduced the President's team to 62 for four before opener Gavin Rennie hit an unbeaten 114 and Gary Brent scored 55 not out in an unfinished fifth wicket stand of 153. The President's XI were 215 for four when rain ended play early on the first day of the

three-day match. The uncapped Gallage, who took four for 41, earned the most impressive his wickets by bowling number three Trevor Madondo, who has played two tests, for a first-ball duck.

All four President's XI wickets fell while just 34 runs were added before Rennie, who faced 174 balls, and Brent emphatically stopped the slide.

Tardy record for Tasmania

HOBART, Australia, Nov 8 (AFP): A 70-year-old Sheffield Shield cricket record was broken as an improbable Queensland victory charge was thwarted by an even more improbable ninth wicket Tasmanian stand here Monday.

The record went to Tasmanian fast bowler Gerard Denton for taking 93 minutes to get off the mark.

With Shaun Young, who made 103 after no-one else in the match could reach 50, Denton denied Queensland a win as their fast bowlers Andrew Bichel (6-45) and Adam Dale (3-48) appeared to have secured halfway through the final day of the badly rain-affected match. Final scores were Tasmania

153 and 183, Queensland 133 and seven without loss.

Young and Denton came together with Tasmania at 84 for

When they were parted 135 minutes later 97 runs had been added and the match was safe. Queensland had only 18

overs of batting time. With six of them used, the captains agreed to call the match as a

Tait fills in for Nash

CHRISTCHURCH, Nov 8 (Internet report): Northern Districts medium pace bowler Alex Tait has been named as the replacement for Dion Nash who injured his back in the first one day cricket international against India in Rajkot.

Tait is due to leave New Zealand on Monday and should be in India in time for the game three of the five-match series on Thursday. of mend lilw vab

French First Division

Anderson takes Lyon back atop UNDATED, Nov 8: Lyon went back to the top of the French

First Division by drubbing Le Havre 3-0, reports AFP. Christophe Delmotte gave

them the lead but it was two predatory finishes from Brazilian Sonny Anderson that

clinched the match. They went top by virtue of Auxerre's 3-1 defeat at Nantes. Nantes, second bottom at the

start of play, thoroughly de-served the win with goals from Antoine Sibierski, Salomon Olembe and Nicolas Savinaud beating one from Steve Marlet for Auxerre. But Marseille and Bordeaux

both had disappointing draws. Marseille were lucky to come back from Monaco with a 1-1 scoreline despite taking the lead through Peter Luccin. Rafael Marquez soon equalised and the dismissal of Frederic Brando made the visitors sweat in the closing minutes. Bordeaux were equally dis-

appointing in the 1-1 draw with

Boje sees Free State home

POTCHEFSTROOM, Nov 8 (Internet report): Nicky Boje smashed 76 runs from 67 balls to guide Free State to a fourwicket win over North West in a tense Supersport Series match in Potchefstroom on Sunday.

In almost one-day style. with the visitors requiring 238 runs from 63 overs after dismissing North West for 276 before tea on the final fourth day, Boje and South African skipper Hansie Cronje laid the foundation for victory.

This after losing Gerhardus Liebenberg (5) and Boeta Dippenaar (15) cheaply.

Cronje hammered 44 runs from 40 balls - including a massive six way over long-on with the ball landing on the roof of a nearby house - to set up the exciting climax .

Boje and Kosie Venter put on 95 for the fifth wicket before Venter and Gerard Brophy were dismissed in the space of five

Boje and Johan van der Wath (12 not out), however, steered the visitors home with nine overs to spare.

Bell Challenge Capriati's

QUEBEC CITY, Nov 8: Resurgent Jennifer Capriati won a three-set victory over Chanda Rubin in Sunday night's final of the 180,000 dollars Bell Chal-

lenge, reports Reuters. Seeded fourth. Capriati pulled out a 4-6, 6-1, 6-2 victory over the third-seeded Rubin to collect her eighth career title. She earned 27,000 dollars for her second win of the year after going winless since 1993.



Lazio's Chilean superstar Marcelo Salas (L) threatening the Verona goal during their Serie A encounter in Rome on November 7. - AFP photo

Serie A

Veron venom inspire Lazio



Lazio crushed Verona 4-0, tripled their lead at the top of Italian football and made a dream come true for their delighted coach Sven Goran Eriksson on Sunday, reports

MILAN, Nov 8:

Lazio, unbeaten all season in Italy and Europe, are riding high at the top of Serie A with 21 points, three clear of Juventus, who were held to a 0-0 draw by Torino in the Turin derby on Sunday night.

AC Milan are third after beating Venezia 3-0 and AS Roma fourth after hammering Reggina 4-0, while the shock of the day was Inter Milan's humiliating 3-0 defeat at Bologna. Argentinian Juan Sebastian

Veron was Lazio's hero, realising every corner-taker's dream when he curled the ball into the back of the net and then floating over another for Chilean Marcelo Salas to head home. Veron also provided the long

ball into the area for Paolo Negro to head in off the post in the 45th minute, while Croatian striker Alen Boksic smacked home the fourth in the second half. Lazio coach Sven Goran

Eriksson said: "We played good football, we scored four goals and you can't ask for any more we have to glav it tadt nadt And Eriksson, who recently

criticised his men for a lack of killer instinct, added: "This time everyone was concentrated. Today, everyone walked out determined to kill their op-

The Swede dismissed the idea that his team were leaving the rest of the Serie A behind, but admitted: "I've been dreaming of a start to the season like this one, with no handicaps, for the past three years."

Juventus failed to take their chances in the derby, with Filippo Inzaghi missing a clearcut opportunity in each half

Inter Milan team who are

rapidly becoming lost in the

outback of Italian football, re-

start to the season, helped by a

rash of goals from 50-million

dollar signing Christian Vieri

and a guiding hand from new

coach Marcello Lippi, who re-

built the team over the summer.

Inter were sitting comfortably

at the top of the Serie A, two

points clear of nearest rivals

AS Roma and Lazio, and look-

ing very much like champions

trous season like 1998/99.

which saw four coaches come

and go without success, it all

ribly wrong. In the four

matches since then, Inter have

lost three and drawn one --

against Lazio at San Siro, after

dominating the Rome side until

Sunday's humiliating 3-0

loss to a Bologna side packed

with Inter rejects is only the

latest in a series of bitter disap-

jury, Ronaldo's hopes of return-

ing to his scintillating pre-

World Cup form have remained

just hopes and several of the

club's new signings have proved

one away goal all season, they

are seven points adrift of Lazio

and haven't won a match since

with the notable exception of

Chilean veteran Ivan Zamo-

rano, the midfield is faring

Sousa is off-form, Yugoslav

Vladimir Jugovic has yet to re-

discover his touch after long-

term injury and Luigi Di Biagio

seems to have started a one-

man crusade against Italy's ref-

Inter's second, fourth, fifth and

sixth matches of the season --

having missed the seventh

through suspension -- and came

close to being yellow-carded on

Di Biagio was booked in

The team have only scored

But if the attack is suffering.

Portuguese playmaker Paulo

Vieri has been laid low by in-

Suddenly, it's all going hor-

seemed to good to be true.

the closing minutes.

pointments.

at best erratic.

October 2.

even worse.

For the fans, after a disas-

With five matches gone,

Inter made a devastating

ports AFP.

in the making.

MILAN, Nov 8:

Ronaldo was

packing his bags

for Australia here

on Monday, and

leaving behind a

and Alessandro Del Piero firing blanks, despite plenty of hard

work from Zinedine Zidane. Both sides finished a man short with Juventus' Dutch midfielder Edgar Davids being dismissed after 90 minutes and Torino winger Gigi Lentini controversially following in injury-time. Inter's disastrous run of

form continued as they slumped to a humiliating defeat at Bologna, their sparkling start to the season now a distant memory. Marcello Lippi's men, who

were without injured striker Christian Vieri, have earned just one point from their last four league matches. Bologna's Swedish giant

Kennet Andersson scored in

each half, both times heading

home a cross from the left from veteran striker Giuseppe Signori. Signori was rewarded for his efforts in the 76th minute. when he pounced on a defensive mix-up to tap the third into an

empty net. Lippi said: "We have everything here - a great club, great facilities and great players. But there are these ups and downs at the moment which are very

worrying. "We just didn't do anything to get our approach right to this game. A week ago, I saw a great steam (against Lazio) Today, Bologna caused us problems. But I'm the coach and I accept responsibility."

Inter director general Gabriele Oriali was less diplomatic, saying: "We lost the match, but worse than that we lost face. It was an unbelievable match, I felt ashamed. You can always lose, but not like this. "It was too bad to be true," he

AC Milan showed their mettle by recovering from the 3-2 defeat to Galatasaray which dumped them out of European football to beat Venezia.

Horrible Inter Milan

The rearguard has held up

reasonably well, though there

have been mixed fortunes for

the central defence bought 'en-

bloc' from Olympique Marse-

ille; with Laurent Blanc

showing class and experience,

while Cyril Domoraud was

branded "un disastro" by the

Italian press after a howler on

physical problems, and they are

many, the first priority facing

Lippi is to instil a winning

Gabriele Oriali had nothing but

venom for the team after their

gutless performance on Sunday,

Ronaldo's last before heading

Down Under on international

were right to whistle," Oriali

said. "This was proof that hav-

ing big-name players in a team

"I was ashamed, and the fans

Inter's director general

More than the tactical and

Sunday.

mentality.

duty with Brazil.

is not enough.

Bologna.

They struggled in the firsthalf but German Oliver Bierhoff steered home a back-header from George Weah in the 55th minute and the Liberian later rounded goalkeeper Fabrizio Casazza to make it 2-0.

Casazza was sent off in the 75th minute for tripping Milan striker Andriy Shevchenko and Brazilian defender Bilica pulled on the goalkeeper's jersey to face the resulting penalty.

Bilica amazingly managed to save the Ukrainian's spotkick, but the ball ran loose and Milan midfielder Pierluigi Orlandini pounced in a goalmouth scramble to score.

"It's always great to win, but this one was extremely important," said Milan coach Alberto Zaccheroni. "We needed to calm things down. The tension had been building up and when you're tense you can't play good football. "There's room for improve-

ment but in the Serie A we're showing the courage we lacked in Istanbul," Zaccheroni said. Vincenzo Montella inspired AS Roma to their thumping 4-0 away win over Reggina, with all the goals coming in the first

Montella prompted a fifth minute own goal by Reggina defender Joseph Oshadogan in a goalmouth melee and then slotted home a 28th minute penalty.

Brazilian Fabio Junior chipped in the third and skipper Francesco Totti drove home another penalty just seconds before the break. Roma coach Fabio Capello

said: "We had a great game, a great first-half. If we continue with this mentality I think we can do well."

Parma continued their winning run by beating Placenza 2-1 with goals from Argentinian Hernan Crespo and French World Cup winner Alain Boghossian, while Lecce earned a surprise 1-0 win over

"You need grit and determi-

nation, humility and modesty

-- all the things that Bologna

had and Inter didn't. I'm not

talking about tactics, I'm talk-

ing about having the right men-

didn't. I don't why it happens,

but it's not the attitude of a great

team," he spat. "Now we have to

roll up our sleeves and have the

courage to take a long hard look

pride, the pride which today we

length, saying: "The technical-

tactical approach doesn't count

for anything if people don't find

unmarked space, don't come to

take the ball and don't make it

had was 'today we're going to

win'. I never saw that here

"Against Lazio, the spirit we

- AFP photo

"We need to think about our

Lippi was on the same wave-

"Last we had it, this week we

tal attitude.

in the mirror.

once."

THINGS NOT LOOKING UP: A dejected Inter Milan

superstar Ronaldo leaving the field after their defeat to

left behind at home."

hard to take it off them.

U-17 WC soccer | Premiership from Nov 10

AUCKLAND, Nov 8 (AFP): This is the draw for the FIFA Under-17 World Soccer Championships which kick-off here November 10:

Group A at Albany Nov 10: New Zealand v USA. Nov 11: Uruguay v Poland. Nov 13: New Zealand v Uruguay. Nov 13: USA v Poland. Nov 16: Poland v New Zealand. Nov 16: USA v Uruguay. Group B at Napier

Nov 11: Ghana v Spain. Nov 11: Mexico v Thailand. Nov 13: Spain v Thailand. Nov 13: Ghana v Mexico. Nov 16: Thailand v Ghana. Nov 16: Spain v Mexico. Group C at Christchurch

Nov 12: Brazil v Australia. Nov 12: Mali v Germany. Nov 14: Australia v Germany. Nov 14: Brazil v Mali. Nov 17: Germany v Brazil. Nov 17: Australia v Mali. Group D at Dunedin Nov 12: Jamaica v Burkina

Faso. Nov. 12: Paraguay v Qatar. Nov 14: Burkina Faso v Qatar. Nov 14: Jamaica v Paraguay. Nov 17: Qatar v Jamaica. Nov 17: Burkina Faso v

Paraguay. Nov 20: Quarter-finals. 1st Group A v 2nd Group B at Albany. 1st Group B v 2nd Group A at Napier.

Nov 21: 1st Group C v 2nd Group D at Christchurch. 1st Group D v 2nd Group C at Dunedin.

Nov 24: Semifinals at Albany and Christchurch. Nov 27: Championship game and 3rd/4th play-off at Albany.

Bundesliga

Kaiserslautern leave it late

COLOGNE, Germany, Nov 8: Kaiserslautern did a repeat performance of their UEFA Cup victory this week by scoring two late goals Sunday to steal victory from Schalke, reports

Marc Wilmots had put Schalke ahead with a 45th minute penalty but after the break Kaiserslautern pulled themselves together and kept the visitors bottled up in their own half. Like Tottenham Hotspur,

who conceded two goals in the dying minutes to find themselves unexpectedly out of European competition, Schalke also found themselves drawing the short straw when victory looked assured. Martin Wagner nodded home

an 83rd minute Ratinho free kick to equalise and once again it was French star Youri Djorkaeff who made the difference when he marked the winner six minutes later. The 2-1 result lifts

Kaiserslautern to 8th in the Bundesliga, level on 16 points with Schalke who are 7th. Werder Bremen also left the run late at Arminia Bielefeld but came away with a 2-2 draw thanks to an 88th minute goal by striker Soren Seidel. Scottish Premiership

Rangers too

good for Celtic GLASGOW, Nov 8: Rangers

won the first Old Firm derby of the Scottish Premier League season on Sunday when secondhalf goals by Lorenzo Amoruso and Gabriel Amato gave them a 4-2 success over Celtic at Ibrox, reports AFP.

Eyeal Berkovic scored twice for the visitors in a tempestuous first half but Rangers, who had briefly taken the lead through Jonatan Johansson, crucially levelled at 2-2 on the stroke of half-time through a Jorg albertz penalty.

Dick Advocaat's champions, still unbeaten, now have 31 points, four clear of Celtic who have played a game more. John Barnes's side were be-

hind following a 20th-minute strike by Finnish striker Johansson, who had earlier clattered the crossbar with a fierce effort. But Celtic hit back in style.

Former West Ham midfielder Berkovic man ran onto a pass from Jackie McNamara, played a one-two with Mark Viduka. raced onto the return without a challenge and then guided the ball into the far corner from the acutest of angles. If goalkeeper Stefan Klos

wondered how he had been beaten, he had plenty of time to assess the damage when Berkovic gave the visitors the lead just before the interval. Skipper Amoruso delayed a

routine clearance and was robbed by Viduka. The Australian striker advanced into the box but strug-

gled to retain control as the ball dragged under his feet. But Berkovic shrugged his team-mate off, looked up and rolled the ball past Klos and

into the net.

time, though, Rangers made it German Albertz sped into the box but went down when challenged by Paul Lambert, who took a blow in the face

Three minutes into injury-

ing leg. Referee Kenny Clark instantly pointed to the spot and Albertz made no mistake from the spot.

from the falling Albert's trail-

Ian Wright was a subdued figure in his first game for Celtic, though he did produce a full length out of Stefan Klos after 17 minutes with an accurate header from McNamara's cross. If Celtic thought the interval would give them time to gather

their composure and return re-

vived they were sadly mistaken. Alan Stubbs fouled Giovanni van Bronckhorst on the edge of the area: Albertz touched the ball to Amoruso, whose bullet strike flicked off the Celtic wall and flew into the corner with Celtic keeper Jonathan Gould helplessly diving the other way.

Leeds brought down to earth

Hartson found a way past

stant barrage of attacks which

had unbalanced the Leeds back-



LONDON, Nov 8: tional pounced on hesitation in Leeds United sufthe Leeds defence and helped fered their first, himself to his seventh goal of defeat in 12 matthe season. ches on Sunday when they lost 2-0 Martyn in the 31st minute and his goal owed much to the con-

at Wimbledon in the English Premiership, reports AFP.

Tottenham handed north London rivals Arsenal another morale-sapping loss with a 2-1 victory at White Hart Lane. Arsene Wenger's side, knocked out of the Champions League in midweek, finished with nine

Keown were sent off in the second half. Elsewhere Chelsea and Newcastle continued to stutter. Gianluca Vialli's side drew 0-0 against West Ham in another London derby at Stamford Bridge while Newcastle were

Leeds remain second on 29 points, one less than new leaders Manchester United who beat Leicester on Saturday, after only their third league defeat of the season.

held 1-1 at home to Everton.

John Hartson's rich vein of form continued at Selhurst Park as he rocked David O'Leary's trail-blazing side.

Wimbledon's Welsh interna-

Kenny Cunningham raided down the right but his low centre should have been cleared. It eluded everyone, however, and reached Hartson at the back men after Swede Fredrik post and he joyfully crashed it Ljungberg and defender Martin into the net.

four.

Marcus Gayle stretched Wimbledon's lead in the 65th minute. Lucas Radebe needlessly gave away a corner and when Alan Kimble whipped a vicious in-swinger to the nearpost, Gayle flashed a header into the net.

Ex-Arsenal boss George Graham's magic was working wonders again as Tottenham went 2-0 ahead of their arch-rivals in the opening 20 minutes at White Hart Lane.

Well worked goals from Steffen Iversen and Tim Sherwood provided a massive boost to the home side's morale. which had been low after Thursday's injury-time defeat

Swedish winger was unhappy with a sliding tackle by the Tottenham full-back. As Edinburgh tried to get up. Ljungberg pushed him back down, and that sparked a shoving match as players from both sides rushed in.

against Kaiserslautern in the

early work by allowing Patrick

Vieira to pull a goal back with a

free header from Emmanuel

dramatically into life after

only seven minutes when

Ljungberg was sent off for tak-

ing a swipe at Justin Edinburgh.

the far touchline when the

The incident happened on

The second half exploded

Petit's 38th-minute free-kick.

But Spurs spoiled their good

UEFA Cup.

Referee David Elleray settled things by showing Ljungberg the red card.

Frenchman Patrick Vieira

protested too strongly though and was booked for dissent - his fifth domestic of the season which will turn his six-match ban into seven matches.

Arsenal dominated thereafter but failed to find the equaliser and their misery was complete when Keown received a second yellow card for scything down Jose Dominguez in the dying seconds.

Wenger's side stay fourth on 26 points. At Stamford Bridge Chelsea huffed and puffed but failed to

find the breakthrough against West Ham. Harry Redknapp's side had Chilean defender Javier Margas sent off for a second yellow card

four minutes from time but held on for the point. Chelsea remain ninth, 10 points behind Manchester

United Kevin Campbell's seventh goal of the season spoiled Newcastle's run of home victories as Everton staged a second-

Park. The striker headed home Nick Barmby's 61st-minute cross after Alan Shearer had given the home side the lead from the penalty spot.

half fightback at St James'

But Newcastle, now fifth from bottom but clear of the drop zone only on goal difference, were guilty of failing to kill off a game in which they enjoyed the lion's share of the possession.

Primera Liga

Malaga stun Barca visitors just five minutes later.



Defending champions Barcelona crashed to a shock 2-1 defeat at the Nou Camp to un

A scramble in front of the Leeds United goal involving

custodian Nigel Martyn (L), Wimbledon striker Robbie

Earle (C) and Leeds defender Jonathan Woodgate.

fashionable Malaga Sunday to ensure that the equally unheralded Rayo Vallecano stayed top of the Primera Liga despite their 3-2 defeat by Real Madrid Saturday, reports AFP.

Barcelona, the bookmakers' favourites to win the European Champions League, slump to fifth place in the Spanish First Division.

Malaga took an early grip on the match when Portuguese star Joaquim Agostinho gave them a ninth minute lead and then a fine move allowed Vicente Valcarce to make it 2-0 to the

That finally stirred Barcelona into life and defender Winston Bogarde made the score 2-1 just before the half But that would prove to be

the final goal of the evening as Malaga clinched a famous win. The defeat leaves Real Zaragoza as Rayo's closest chal-

Their prolific Yugoslav striker Savo Milosevic, the former Partizan Belgrade and Aston Villa man, scored both goals in a 2-1 win at home to Alaves.

A penalty from Brazilian Djalminha gave a 1-0 victory to Deportivo La Coruna at Oviedo. La Coruna now go third ahead of Celta Vigo.



Barcelona's Portuguese international Luis Figo (R) trying to make his way past a Malaga defender during their Primera Liga clash. - AFP photo

Vigo's performance Sunday was unquestionably the best. They thrashed Real Betis 5-1 with Russian due Alexander Mostovoi and Valery Karpin among those getting on the

scoresheet. Seville, bottom of the league, held Athletic Bilbao. Former German international Bernd Schuster admitted earlier Sunday that he was interested in the Seville job although at

present there is no vacancy. Real Sociedad were impressive 3-0 winners at home to Valladolid while Real Mallorca beat Champions League qualifiers Valencia! 0.

In form Dutch striker Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink grabbed one of Atletico Madrid's goals in a 2-2 home draw with Numancia while the match between Santander and Espanyol also finished 2-2.

Malaga's heroics mean Rayo Vallecano stay top despite their 3-2 defeat at home to neighbours Real Madrid, who had trailed 2-0. That result probably saved

the managerial bacon of Welsh coach John Toshack. It was Real's first victory in domestic competition since

August 29 and lifts them to eighth in the table. It could be just enough to persuade meringues president Lorenzo Sanz to give Toshack more time to turn around the ailing giants.

Surprise leaders Rayo, also based in Madrid and whose president Maria Teresa Rivero a mother of 13 - is the only female head of a top European football club, seemed to have sounded the Welshman's death knell when they took a 2-0 lead after 28 minutes through goals from Jordi Ferron and Manuel Canabal.

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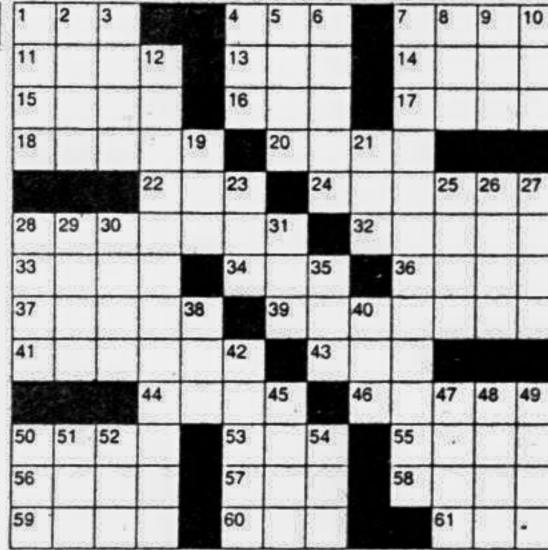
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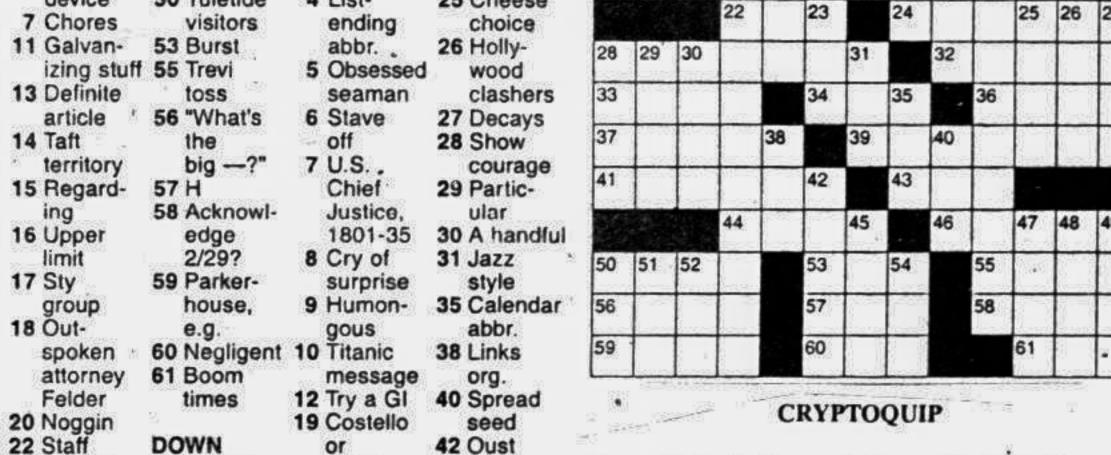
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The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.



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Saturday's Cryptoquip: TO BE A LOCKSMITH, I THINK IT OFTEN TAKES A COMBINATION OF SKILLS.



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