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## Column One

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- Who is the world's most expensive football player?  
Crespo Zidane Pigo
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- Bagladesh's opening match in the second ICC Knock-out tournament is against:  
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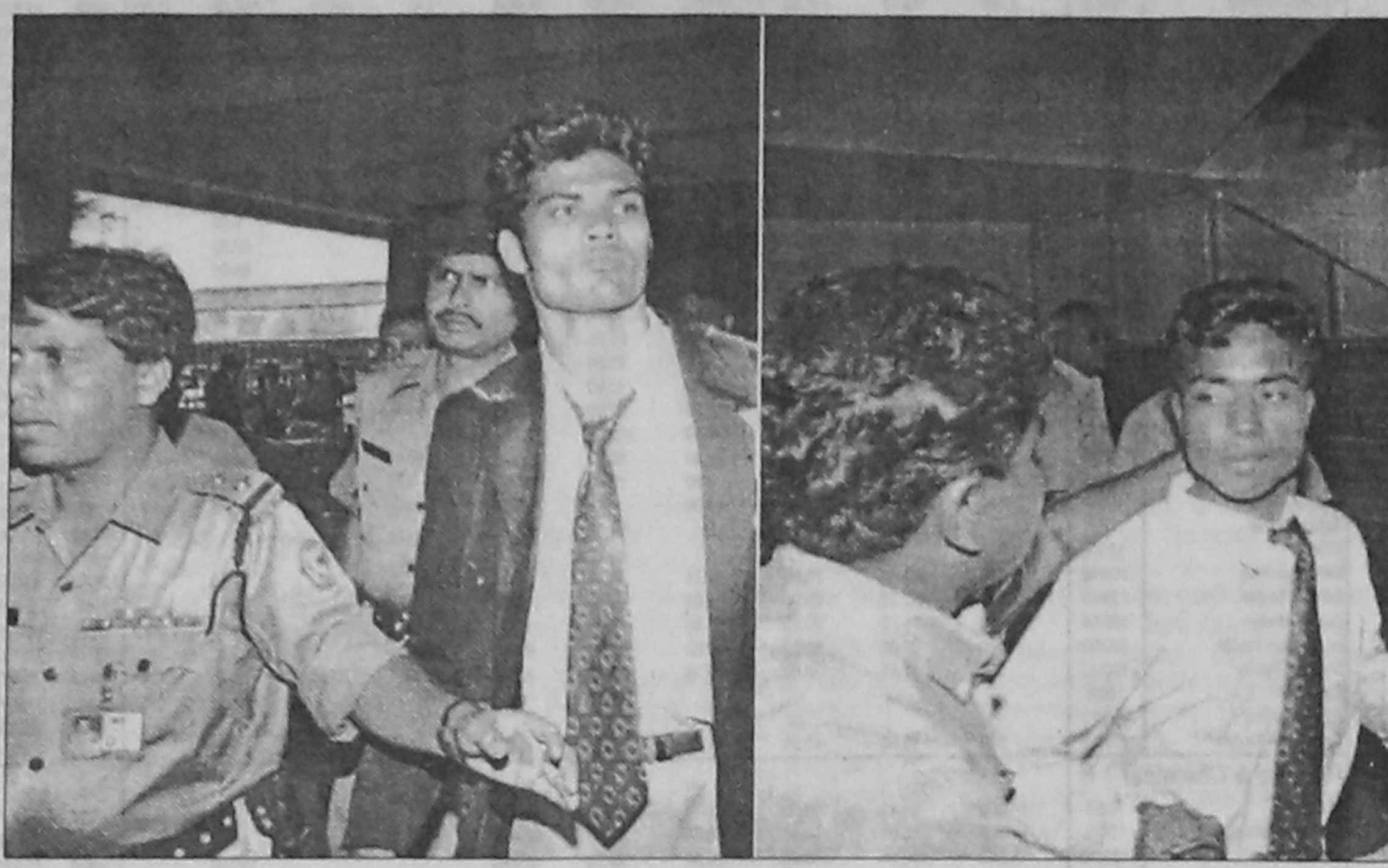
**Imran Khan**  
(Pakistani cricket legend)  
When I was part of the ICC I witnessed a divide between white and coloured cricket-playing nations.

### Cowdrey in hospital

LONDON, Aug 1 (Internet report): Former England captain Sir Colin Cowdrey is being treated in hospital after suffering a stroke at his Sussex home. The 67-year-old is undergoing tests and his condition has been described as comfortable. His illness was revealed in a statement on behalf of the family by Kent County Cricket Club. Lord Cowdrey played for Kent for many years, as did his sons Christopher and Graham, and he is currently president of the club. He appeared in 114 Test matches over a 20-year-period, scoring 7,624 runs at an average of 44.06, with 22 centuries and 38 fifties. He also took 120 catches.

### Wise words from Pastor McCauley

UNDATED, Aug 1 (Internet report): Haisie Cronje's spiritual adviser has urged the former South African captain to abandon plans for lucrative interview and book deals. Cronje has hired British PR consultant Max Clifford to help him give his side of the scandal which has tarnished cricket's image and led to the setting up of the King Commission inquiry into alleged match-fixing. According to publishing experts, a book could earn Cronje an advance of somewhere between 100,000 pounds and 250,000 pounds. "My advice to him would be to stop, stop right now," Pastor Ray McCauley told SABC Radio. He urged Cronje to "put back into the country something that will help you. Give some dignity to your life and be a role model again." Cronje confessed his involvement with bookmakers to Pastor McCauley, the head of South Africa's Rhema Church, in April. But he said he was shocked by Cronje's subsequent evidence to the King Commission when he admitted his love of money. "That's the root of all evil and it's going to get you down the wrong path again," Pastor McCauley added.



DRAMA AT ZIA: A combo picture showing national custodian Aminul Islam (L) being escorted out of the Zia International Airport by securitymen moments before he was nabbed by Muktijodha Sangsad officials, and (R) an Abahani man grabbing the neck of another national boater Kanchan at the airport yesterday. —Star photo

## 'Hijacking' at Zia International Airport Aminul stolen on arrival

Sports Reporter

Muktijodha Sangsad Krira Chakra set the early pace even before the start of the three-day inter club footballers transfer for the forthcoming Senior Division league. The transfer market opens at the Bangabandhu National Stadium today. The title contenders showed their enterprise, as they did in their 1995 coup, by whisking away national custodian Aminul Islam from the Zia International Airport (ZIA) minutes after the player's arrival with the national team from England. Muktijodha created a stir in the local football circuit in '95 when they dared to break the monopoly of Abahani and Mohammedan by roping in all the major stars in a similar airport adventure. Aminul, who is regarded as the hottest property in domestic football, has been the center of a row between his present club Abahani and Muktijodha. It seems that the freedom fighters have had the last laugh as they have managed to capture Aminul sending Abahani in despair. It was a comic scene that unfolded at the ZIA with Aminul being hurried into a waiting vehicle by the prompt Muktijodha officials while the Abahani devotees, who failed to spot the 'hijack', were left searching for him. When they understood their miss, the Abahani contingent in a damage repairing bid, got hold of an unsuspecting national forward Kanchan by the neck and took him straight to their Dhanmondi headquarters. Kanchan had impressed with his tireless running for the youthful Farashganj Sporting Club last season. This year's transfer has created a refreshing new wave in the local football arena as the clubs look financially sound enough to splash-out-lucrative sums for their boaters of choice. The top three clubs have already finalised their blue print for their quota of the five players available from the national pool of 26. Defending champions Mohammedan have ensured the services of former national captain and star defender Jewel Rana, who comes back to the black and whites after a five-year stint with Muktijodha. Besides Mafur Rahman Munna, Faisal, Selim and forward Alfaz Ahmed are destined to stay back at Mohammedan for another season. Abahani Krira Chakra is likely to form their quota of pool players with defender Kazi Nazrul Islam, Mizanur Rahman Don, Firoz Mahmud Hossain Tito and Iqbal Hossain. Only Iqbal played for Abahani last season. Nazrul appeared for Farashganj while Tito and Don donned the Arambagh and Mohammedan jerseys respectively last season. Masood Rana, Hasan Al-Mamun and Rajani look set to maintain their allegiance towards Muktijodha with the Abahani duo Mintu and Aminul likely to complete the pool quota. The transfers will take place from 5 pm to 8 pm everyday except on the last day where it will continue up to 9pm.

## Lanka gain upper hand

KANDY, Sri Lanka, Aug 1: A superb knock of 87 from Jacques Kallis could not stop South Africa from a second innings collapse here Tuesday to leave Sri Lanka in a strong position at close on the third day of the second Test, reports AFP. South Africa finished the day teetering at 192 for eight wickets, 137 runs ahead of the hosts with two days left at the Asgiriya International Stadium. Kallis single-handedly battled Sri Lanka's spinners, staying at the crease for 237 minutes and hitting one six and six fours off 208 balls. But he headed back to the dressing room after a lapse of concentration off a delivery from Muttiah Muralitharan attempting a pull shot. Kallis' dismissal — 13 minutes before play ended for bad light — dealt a crucial blow to the Proteas' hopes of saving the Test and the series. Muralitharan also bowled Daryll Cullinan for six and had Mark Boucher caught at deep midwicket for 15 to finish the day with figures of three for 65. Kallis had support from Jonty Rhodes who helped him in a fourth wicket partnership of 71. Rhodes made 33 before he was out caught off his pads by wicketkeeper Kumar Sangakkara off Sanath Jayasuriya. Jayasuriya also picked up the wicket of first innings centurion Lance Klusener for four when he edged a catch to Sangakkara.



**KALLIS ... 87**  
Pollock also sent back Kumar Dharmasena and Chaminda Vaas cheaply in a morning spell that brought him figures of three for 19 off 6.5 overs. Kallis finished the innings off with two wickets in four balls. Sri Lanka lead 1-0 in the three-match series, having won the first Test at Galle by an innings and 15 runs.

**SCOREBOARD**  
Scoreboard at close of play

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Pollock	24	5	83	3
Hayward	22	6	67	2
Kallis	11.4	4	18	2
Boje	15	2	50	1
Klusener	11	2	21	0
Adams	14	1	44	0
Cullinan	2	0	7	0

Extras: (b-4; lb-12; nb-7) 25  
Total: (All out in 99.4 overs) 308  
Fall of wickets: 1-53, 2-109, 3-142, 4-182, 5-286, 6-296, 7-300, 8-303, 9-308.



Sri Lanka's Chaminda Vaas (L) walks back to the dressing room as the South Africans celebrate his dismissal on the third day of the second Test at Kandy yesterday. —Internet photo

### Davis Cup final in Barcelona

BARCELONA, Aug 1: Barcelona will host the Davis Cup final between Spain and holders Australia on December 8 to 10, the Spanish Tennis Federation said Monday, reports AFP. The Palau Sant Jordi arena will host the showdown in the Catalan metropolis, which houses the Federation as well as most top Spanish players.

### Sachin, Shaun top players

LONDON, Aug 1: West Indies fast bowler Courtney Walsh has climbed to his highest placing of sixth in the world Test bowling ratings after his 10-wicket match haul in the second Test against England at Lord's, reports Reuters. Leading ratings issued by sponsors PricewaterhouseCoopers on Tuesday:

**BATTING**

Player	points
Tendulkar	863
S Waugh	841
Lara	816
S Anwar	808
Ponting	804
Inzamam	786
Langer	767
Cullinan	752
Kallis	734
A Stewart	732
A Flower	732

**BOWLING**

Player	points
Pollock	904
McGrath	896
Donald	868
Muralitharan	825
Ambrose	824
Walsh	813
B Lee	735
Akram	725
Kumble	722
Caddick	711

### Taxmen search Jadeja's house

UNDATED, Aug 1 (Internet report): Batsman Ajay Jadeja has become the latest Indian player to have his home searched by income tax officials. They carried out the raid on his home in New Delhi today following his return from England, where he played for Asia in last Saturday's match against a Rest of the World side at The Oval. A spokesman said they would also be examining Jadeja's safe deposit boxes at his bank. "The reason we had not raided his home earlier was because Jadeja was in London and we wanted to search his house in his presence," the spokesman added. Tax officials have carried out a series of swoops on the home of Indian players, past and present, in the past two weeks and are now examining thousands of documents which have been seized. Others involved include Mohammad Azharuddin, Kapil Dev, Manoj Prabhakar and Navjot Singh Sidhu. Detectives from the Central Bureau of Investigations (CBI) have, meanwhile, interviewed former all-rounder Ajay Sharma in London as part of their inquiry into alleged match-fixing. Sharma played one Test match and 31 one-day internationals between 1987 and 1993. Sports Minister Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa believes current players like Jadeja and Azharuddin should not be picked until the outcome of all ongoing inquiries. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has promised action if anyone is shown to have been involved in match-fixing. But BCCI president AC Muthiah insisted: "We will not axe players unless they are proved guilty."

### SA trio to hear future next week

JOHANNESBURG, Aug 1 (Internet report): A panel of legal experts will decide the future of South African cricketers Herschelle Gibbs, Henry Williams and Pieter Strydom after publication of an interim report on match-fixing next week, United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA) managing director Ali Bacher said on Monday. Judge Edwin King is due to submit an interim report on his commission of inquiry into match-fixing to South African President Thabo Mbeki on August 11. Bacher said cricket's controlling body had been told the report would make reference to Gibbs, Williams and Strydom, who were approached by former captain Haisie Cronje and asked to help influence the outcome of matches. Gibbs and Williams both admitted in June that they had accepted offers to under-perform in a one-day international in March. Strydom said he had been approached twice by Cronje during the two-Test series in India in February but had turned down both approaches. He said he also tried to establish, at Cronje's request, what odds were available on a South African victory in the rain-affected fifth Test against England at Centurion in January, with a view to placing a bet. Bacher said that if the three were named in the report the UCBSA would ask them to meet a disciplinary committee, likely to comprise retired judge Mervyn King and two lawyers, one of them named as Michael Kuper.

## Cricket takes rigid stance

BCB to meet Quader not PM

Sports Reporter

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) sought a permanent solution to the age-old problem of possession of the Bangabandhu National Stadium (BNS). "We want a permanent solution of who actually deserves the stadium, exclusively designed and built for cricket," said BCB president Saber Hossain Chowdhury after the Board meeting yesterday. Saber presided over the meeting that was adjourned on Monday, because of his non-availability. During Monday's meeting, the executive members called for an urgent meeting with the Prime Minister, in an effort to win back the BNS from football. But the BCB supremo convinced his aggrieved comrades that it would be better to go to the Sports Minister first in order to press home their rightful claim. "It's a shame for us that the ground has been leased out to football till October 31 and that too for holding Pioneer football matches. The extension order has left us in a precarious position," Saber said, adding that all board members would meet the State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader at his office today at 11am. "We will put it in writing that the BCB wants the Bangabandhu National Stadium exclusively for cricket when we call on the Minister," the BCB boss stated on his return from the United States. "We have decided to put our annual calendar on hold for the time being and wait for the minister's response on this burning issue," said Saber. The BCB president went as far as to say, "If we fail to get a permanent venue then we cricket officials don't deserve to stay in office." The National Sports Council (NSC) put football and cricket on collision course when it awarded the 'apple of discord' to football for use from July 15 to September 31, and then extended the tenure by a month just to make football officials happy. The extension dealt a severe blow to cricket, which was hoping to hold an historic first Test match after a triangular tournament in November.



SABER HOSSAIN



Mohammedan Sporting Club's Ramizuddin (R) scores against Farashganj while teammate Shahbaz Ahmed looks on during their Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League encounter at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday. —Star photo

## Mohammedan maul F'ganj

Sports Reporter

one minute later when the former Pakistan international drove home a rebounder after a powerful hit from Shamim struck Farashganj custodian Ziauddin. Asiqur Rahman made it 3-0 in the 25th minute with a scorching hit from just inside the right-hand box. Mohammedan, however, needed a special effort from a very special player for the fourth goal, at the stroke of the half time. He was none other than Shahbaz Ahmed. The charmer from Pakistan, a regular visitor to the Dhaka League, showed that even at his age he still is a class act. The wizard of hockey dodged past five Farashganj defenders only to feed the ball to Shamim in front of an empty net. The forward instead of completing the task, presented the legendary player the opportunity of scoring his first goal of the season. And Shahbaz did the rest with ease. It was then left to Ramiz to grab a double-strike in the second half to complete the Farashganj rout. Incidentally, the nimble forward also scored two late goals in Mohammedans 7-0 win against Bangladesh Sporting. The goals boosted the Mohammedan aggregate tally to 23 in three games with one conceded against Sonali Bank in the League opener. Interesting, it was also the only goal of the league they have let in. Meanwhile, in the First Division League Victoria Sporting Club and Bachelors SC shared points after a goalless draw. **TODAY'S MATCHES**  
Premier Division  
Ajax SC v Bangladesh SC (4pm)  
First Division  
Warli Club v Dhaka Wanderers (2.15)

### Sirajganj cricket

From Our Correspondent  
SIRAJGANJ, Aug 1: Rajatir Sangsad will take on Avijatri Young Associates in the opening match as the First Division Cricket League will begin at the local Shaheed Shamsuddin Stadium here tomorrow after seven years. Home Minister Mohammad Nasim will inaugurate the league as chief guest of the opening ceremony while State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader will also be present.

### CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

<b>ACROSS</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
1 Gas station apparatus	1 Burst canion
5 Flight	2 Swiss
8 Fitch the clock	3 Chap
12 Exam format	4 Solar sphere
13 The girl	5 Grub
14 Acknowledge	6 " "
15 Captain	7 Past tense
17 Table-spoonful, maybe	8 Crudites
18 Fresh	9 Revlon
19 Adulterates	10 Expenditure
21 Wept	11 Rams' buds
24 Entreats	12 Roscoe
25 Dastire	13 Quarrel
26 Tennis tactic	
30 Lennon's lady	
31 Three-strand creation	
32 Powell co-star	
33 The father of Radio	
35 Portland	

**Solution time: 23 mins.**

ACTY CREEP TAR ROW HALLIE OBT TIOCKADIVE OLOD TIRA EVOKED BOTTOM SEVA OHO NET DETER OTOS STIC SURE YOKES ERA RTIN BAMS ALTOINCLE RABBIT GEE IMA YOKARISK GOT HAVES ARE ASH STARE NAV

Yes erday's answer

**CRYPTOQUIP**

Q LYXVV FNY GNYJS  
V OF KCOK KCX  
AXQLCINPCNNS INPX QV

O JNGOJ OAXVKCKQG  
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THE ELECTRICIAN HAS AN ACTIVE LITTLE SON WHO'S A REAL LIVE WIRE.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: V equals S

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.