Ranatungas

to witness the hearing.

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remanded a man who had come

The man was identified as a gunman who fired in the air and assaulted teenaged boys of the Asoka College, which is located next to the Ranatunga home here in Colombo.

The magistrate remanded the man, identified as Prasanna Gunasekara till March 21 and ordered the police to speedily carry out an investigation. She fixed a further hearing for May 25.

Arjuna Ranatunga himself was granted bail last week. The magistrate ordered the

Ranatunga family and friends as well as the victims and their families and sympathisers to maintain

"Otherwise those who break the peace will be remanded," Weerawardhana said.

She warned suspects not to attempt to influence witnesses as heavily armed police guarded the court house amid tense scenes with bandaged victims of the attack coming to court escorted by their parents and teachers.

Ziaur ignites

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over Agrani Bank in a Premier League match.

Ziaur took four wickets to dismiss the bankers for 198 runs in 49 overs. He then hit a polished 62 to guide the national flag-carrier to 201 for three in 45.3 overs.

Biman's Pakistani batsman Mazed Saeed top-scored in the match with 68.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Premier Cricket League match between Kalabagan Krira Chakra and Dhanmondi Club at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium on Thurs-

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KALABAGAN	
Rafigul Ibw b Tarek	9
Nahidul c Tuhin b Nadeen	94
Rubel run out	4
Ziaur c Moin b S Mehmud	202
Tariq c Tarek b S Mehmud	1
Rana run out	1
Saiful c Shahid b Nadeem	1
Kalim not out	10
Shaheen not out	2
Extras: (lb-6, nb-3, w-6	15
Total: (For 7 wickets in 50 overs	339
Fall of wickets: 1-12, 2	
221 4 225 5 238 6 238 7 3	

Bowler	Q	M	R	W					
Tarek	6	0	40	1					
Naeem	9	0	30	0					
Sumon	4	0	25	0					
Mominul	7	0	33	0					
Nadeem	8	0	48	2					
S Mehmud	10	0	80	2					
Monirul	4	0	34	0					
Hakim	2	0	37	0					
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Hakim c Ripon b Tariq									
	Sajjad Ibw b Saiful								
	ladeem c Rafiqul b Saiful								
	Tushar c Shaheen b Rana								
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S Mehmud b Mosaddek Sumon run out Monirul not out Tuhin c Shaheen b Mosaddek Naeem b Saiful 14 Aziz not out Extras: (b-4, lb-9, nb-1, w-7

Total: (For 8 wickets in 49 overs)

191, 4-195,				
262				***
Bowler	0	M	R	W
Saiful	9	1	42	3
Ashfaq Ali	5	0	38	0
Tariq	6	0	22	1
Mosaddek	10	0	40	2
Ripon	9	0	61	0
Rana	7	0	47	1
Ziaur	2	0	14	()
Kalim	1	0	3	0
Doenle.	Valabo	2000	won	h 50

Result: Kalabagan won by 59

Present Address:

Scientific Officer

Dr Md Nuruzzaman

Soil Science Division



PERHAPS HE KNOWS WHERE TO START FROM: New Australian physiotherapist John Gloster poses with former national skipper Akram Khan at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

Kiwis' good progress

Cricket

AFP, Christchurch

order Thursday showed some steel and Mohammad Samii, the home on the opening day of the second side appeared in little danger. Test against Pakistan but late wickets blunted their edge.

to 284 for five after they were sent Stadium. He and opener Matthew Bell, for 46.

who rode his luck to make a confitumbled late in the day for 34 runs to let Pakistan back into the match. Sinclair scored 150 against change after being given out

Test innings ago but has under- out in the first Test. performed since and took some of Auckland. But he rebuffed his critics with Moin Khan only for umpire Dave

a chanceless 245-minute, 161-ball and a six.

Fleming said he would have bat- the legside. ted first had the coin flipped his way and was satisfied with the day's work despite the late flurry of wickets. Fleming was run out for 32,

while Nathan Astle was dismissed for six and the recalled Grant Bradburn for nought.

line with somewhere we wanted to be at the start of the day," Fleming

Cricket

think there's a cleaner striker of the ball who I've played with.'

After Bell and fellow opener Mark Richardson survived a tense New Zealand's embattled top early period from Wagar Younis

Bell had his first life in just the third over when Younis Khan An unbeaten century by dropped him at second slip. They Mathew Sinclair helped the hosts were 75 without loss at lunch but New Zealand lost their first wicket into bat at Christchurch's Jade when Richardson was bowled by Saglain Mushtag's "mystery" ball

Bell and Richardson put on 102 dent 75, provided the backbone to in 158 minutes, New Zealand's the innings before three wickets first century opening stand since November 1999. Bell batted confidently but had

some good fortune, a welcome

South Africa in Port Elizabeth six caught off his pad and then run Aside from the missed chance the criticism for New Zealand's on eight he looked leg before 299-run loss in the first Test in wicket to Saglain on 49 then on 54 he edged Younis to wicketkeeper

Quested to rule not out. innings which included 15 fours His second test 50 came up in 169 minutes off 114 balls, with all New Zealand captain Stephen but two of his the runs scored on

> But on 75 he pushed forward at Mushtaq and Faisal Iqbal snapped up the bat-pad chance at short leg. Bell faced 180 balls and batted for just over four hours, hitting 11

Sinclair and Fleming then "It was a pretty good day. It's in added a bright 85 in 93 minutes, with Fleming surviving a run-out attempt on 18 before being beaten by a throw on 32 when trying for a

Sinclair's innings drew special 'quick single. Sinclair passed 50 off 86 balls "It's all or nothing with him and stepped it up late in the day, but he's a fantastic player. I don't moving into the 90s with four

rapid boundaries off Sami.

His third Test century came after he lofted Wagar through mid wicket, but he then had to look on as Astle and Bradburn departed cheaply to edges behind off Wagar and Fazle Akbar respectively.

Mushtaq toiled away throughout, bowling unchanged during the middle session and ending with figures of two for 64 off 28 | prominent former test cricketers

Akbar, one of three changes made by Pakistan, who also included key batsmen Inzamamul Haq and Ijaz Ahmed, bowled well | Board meeting in Melbourne late in the day as he and Wagar shared the other wickets. SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the first day of the second Test between New Zealand and Pakistan in Christchurch on Thursday: **NEW ZEALAND: First innings**

Richardson b Saglain Bell c Iqbal b Saqlain Sinclair not out Fleming run out (Younis) Astle c Moin b Wagar .Bradburn c Farhat b Akbar McMillan not out Extras: (lb-14, w-1, nb-9) Total: (For 5 wkts in 90 overs) 284

To Bat: A Parore, D Tuffey, C Drum, C Martin. Fall of wickets: 1-102, 2-163, 3-

248, 4-27	6, 5-28	52		
Bowler	0	M	R	
Wagar	19	4	61	
Sami	22	0	85	
Akbar	21	4	60	
Saglain	28	8	64	
	STAN:	Imran	Farhat,	Ij

Ahmed, Faisal Igbal, Inzamamul Haq, Yousuf Youhana, Younis Khan, Moin Khan (captain), Saglain Mushtaq, Waqar Younis Fazl-e-Akbar, Mohammad Sami.

Umpires: Daryl Harper (Aus), Dave Quested (Nzl).

next year?

REUTERS, London

SPORT

A new system for umpiring and refereeing in Test matches could be in operation by April 2002, the International Cricket Council third and final Test on Thursday.

said the ICC was committed to overhauling the current system following a recent escalation in the number of controversies involving | land's spinning duo. match officials.

Richards acknowledged the issue of umpires was one of the most important challenges facing | Lanka towards a big total after the game.

The recruitment and training of independent umpires and technology to help decisionmaking are the focus of proposals under review.

"Recent events have brought added attention to this area but the ICC had already agreed a process for reviewing both the use of technology and the wider issue of providing the highest standards of umpiring and refereeing," Richards said in a statement.

"We recognise that achieving

new system.

former India captain Sunil Gavaskar, will meet in May and the issue of umpires will be high on the agenda, the ICC said.

The committee will include including Allan Border, Zaheer Abbas, Kris Srikkanth, Duleep Mendis and Andy Pycroft.

agreed to the principle of a major review of the regulation of the game on the field. At present independent Test match umpires are selected from a

20-strong panel nominated by all Test-playing member countries except Bangladesh. The proposal under development envisages an elite panel of

pires, who would be appointed to stand in most Test matches. Appointment to this group would be purely on merit, reflect-24 ling the seniority and status of

individuals based on, among other things, marks awarded by test captains. Another group of between 25

to 30 emerging umpires would be w groomed to support, and in time join, the elite panel.

Chappell, Gloster

good result in the 2003 World Cup. He said he would give more importance on the fielding and the running between the wickets -- the two areas where, he observed, Bangladesh could improve fast.

Chappell, the younger brother of Australia captains Ian and Greg, played three Tests and 20 one-day internationals for Australia from 1980 to 1983.

Abahani's rusty

FROM PAGE 13 Neevamur 10 Ahsanullah 10 ABAHANI Azam c Tinku b Shamsul

Nafis c Tinku b Shamsul Tareq c sub b Towhid Anisur c Magsi b Suleman Biplob c sub b Neeyamur not out Mukul not out

127, 4-149, 5-191 Bowler

It was ironic that Laxman was given his favourite position at number three at the expense of Rahul Dravid, with whom he shared a record fifth wicket stand

great innings of modern Test until his 180 in the second innings Laxman made a defiant 59 in the

Laxman's response was stunning. He batted for 10 hours and Gavaskar was among those

predicted bigger deeds from the modest cricketer. "I am glad my record's gone

"I can't say that it is a dream because 236 was too poor to be the best score," Gavaskar said. "Now that the floodgates have

been opened, I am sure Laxman or Former Australian captain Ian the others will soon knock up India's first triple century." Laxman, meanwhile, was not

resting on his new-found success. "Cricket can bring you down very fast, so I am not getting too comes in circumstances when the excited. I'll be happier if a big team is down and out, it becomes score from me wins a match for

India.

New umpiring in Giles, Croft's late show

Cricket

(ICC) said on Thursday.

Chief executive David Richards

these standards is a major priority and we are working hard to agree and implement new procedures in the shortest practical timescale," he added. A target date of April 2002 has

been set for the introduction of a

An ICC committee, chaired by

In February, an ICC Executive

eight full-time contracted um-

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Extras: (lb-5, nb-3, w-13)

Total: (For 5 wickets in 48.5 overs) 196 Fall of wickets: 1-61, 2-81, 3

Al-Amin Shahnewaz 33 24 Shamsul Sohail Islam 36 Suleman Result: Abahani won by 5

FROM PAGE 13 iganj. Bogra, Chapainawabganj,

Pahna, Naogaon and Natore, Rangpur zone - Dinafpur, Gaibandha, Kurigram, Panchaghar, Nilphamari, Thakurgaon, Lalmonirhat and Rangpur. BKSP zone - Mymensingh,

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dah, Kushtia Magura and Narail. Narayanganj Zone - Dhaka, Madaripur, Narsingdhi, Munshiganj, Gazipur, Faridpur, Shariatpur and Narayanganj.

sal. Bagerhat, Barguna, Pirojpur. Laxmipur Zone - Chittagong, Rangamati, Bandarban, Noakhali, Toni, Khugrachhari, Laxinipur and Bhola.

Chandpur, Sunamganj, B'Baria, Comilla, Habiganj and Kishorethe state of the state of the state of

AFP, Colombo

England hit back strongly through spinners Ashley Giles and Robert Croft to reduce Sri Lanka to 221 for seven on the first day of the

Sri Lanka were cruising at 205 for three when the dismissal of Aravinda de Silva for 38 sparked off a collapse that saw four wickets tumble for just 14 runs off Eng-De Silva and Mahela Jayawar-

dene shared a fourth wicket stand of 97 and looked to be taking Sri Sanath Javasuriya won the toss and elected to bat first. De Silva was given out caught

match referees as well as the use of | off bat-pad by umpire David Orchard when he attempted to hit Giles off his legs and popped the ball into Michael Vaughan's hands

at silly mid-off.

He was lucky to survive a chance at 21 when umpire Orchard turned down a catch by Nasser Hussain in the slips off of De Silva's bat.

Giles, who had taken only a solitary wicket in the series for 239 runs, won a successful leg before decision against Russel Arnold who trudged back to the pavilion for a duck.

the screws further by trapping Tillekeratne Dilshan lbw for five. He then enticed Javawardene into an attempted cut when on 71 but of 45, which included eight fours. he was caught behind by wicketkeeper Alec Stewart in the penultimate over before the close.

Jayawardene batted superbly for his runs, driving, cutting and pulling the English bowlers to all parts of the field. His innings included 10 fours and a towering six

off Giles soon after reaching his

half-century. Overall he batted 189 minutes and faced 152 balls.

England came back into the Giles that nipped the outside edge Test late in the final session after

Sri Lanka had made a sound start. Sri Lanka recovered from losing the wicket of Marvan Atapattu

for a duck in the second over to

move to 88 for one. The hosts lost the wicket of Kumar Sangakkara in the first over Off-spinner Croft then turned after lunch when the lefthander drove uppishly to Matthew Vaughan at point off Darren Gough without adding to his score

> Sanath Jayasuriya also departed with on 45, when Craig White snapped up a catch at backward point off Croft. It was the Sri Lankan captain's highest score in his last 11 Test innings, beating his previous best of 26.

With the two English spinners picking up five wickets on the dry pitch on the first day of the Test, England could struggle against Muttiah Muralitharan when they bat sometime tomorrow. The series is currently level at

one apiece.

SCOREBOARD

Atapattu b Caddick

Scoreboard at stumps on the first day of the third and final cricket Test between Sri Lanka and England at the Singhalese Sports Club grounds on Thursday:

SRI LANKA: First innings

Jayasuriya c White b Croft Sangakkara c Vaughan b Gough De Silva c Vaughan b Giles Jayawardene c Stewart b Croft Arnold Ibw b Giles Dilshan Ibw b Croft Vaas not out Fernando not out Extras: (b-4, lb-4, w-1, nb-6) Total: (For 7 wkts in 91 overs) To bat: M Muralitharan, D Hettiarachchi Fall of wickets: 1-2, 2-88, 3-108,

4-205, 5-209, 6-216, 7-219

221

Caddick ENGLAND: N Hussain (cap-

tain), M Atherton, M Trescothick,

G Thorpe, A Stewart, M Vaughan,

C White, A Giles, R Croft, A Cad-

dick, D Gough. Umpires: Asoka de Silva (Sri Lanka) and David Orchard (South

TV umpire: Bulathsinghalage Cooray (Sri Lanka). Match Referee: Hanumant

Singh (India).

Indian history snaps

England wicketkeeper Alec Stewart appeals unsuccessfully for an Ibw

against Srl Lanka's Kumar Sangakkara on the opening day of the third

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found the Indian spin too hot to (S Waugh 110, M Hayden 97, handle amidst the din around the Harbhajan, who had dismissed

and final Test in Colombo on Thursday.

before tea, began the slide by removing Steve Waugh and Ricky Pointing in the space of five balls soon after the break. Tendulkar, bowling welldisguised googlies with leg spin, then trapped Adam Gilchrist,

Michael Slater and Justin Langer

Havden (67) and Shane Warne legbefore to make it 174-8. Gilchrist appeared shocked at Indian umpire Shyam Bansal's decision as the ball pitched outside the off-stump before striking 38 | the batsman on the back foot as he

attempted a sweep. Harbhajan had Jason Gillespie 13 | caught at short-leg and then changed ends to finish the match by trapping last man Glenn McGrath leg before.

> Earlier, India added 68 runs to Kasprowicz 35 the overnight score of 589-4 before declaring their second innings at 657-7 an hour after the start.

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AUSTRALIA: First innings 445

Langer 58, J Gillespie 46; H Singh 7 - 123)INDIA: First innings 171 (V Laxman 59; G McGrath 4-18)

INDIA: Second innings (over-

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Extras: (b-6, lb-12, nb-14, w-2) Total: (For 7 wkts decl in 178 overs) 657 Fall of wickets: 1-52, 2-97, 3-115, 4-232, 5-608, 6-624, 7-629

Gillespie M Waugh Havden

AUSTRALIA: Second innings Hayden Ibw b Tendulkar Slater c Ganguly b Harbhajan Langer c Ramesh b Harbhajan M Waugh lbw b Raju S Waugh c sub (Badani) b Harbhajan 24

Ponting c Das b Harbhajan Gilchrist lbw b Tendulkar Gillespie c Das b Harbhajan Warne lbw b Tendulkar Kasprowicz not out McGrath lbw b Harbhajan Extras: (b-11, nb-8) Total: (All out in 68.3 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-74, 2-106, 3-116, 4-166, 5-166, 6-167, 7-173, 8-

Harbhajan Tendulkar Result: India won by 171 runs and level the series at 1-1.

Man-of-the-match: Venkatsai Laxman. Third Test: March 18-22, Ma-

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accessory 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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Gazipur Letter No 1P-1011/1221 Date: 04-03-2001 Permanent address: Dr Md Nuruzzaman Father: Maulvi Abdul Khaleg Village: Naldair, PO: Baldi Ata Bazar Upazila: Sarishabari

BRRI, Gazipur District: Jamalpur. Notice No 38(2000-2001)

Subject: 2nd Showcause Notice A departmental case was lodged by filing charges against you Dr Md Nuruzzaman, a Scientific Officer on the basis of the service regulations of the Employees 1990 of Bangladesh Rice Research Institute through Memo No-1P-1011/1309, date 15-3-2000 of the institute. In accordance with the said charges and by reviewing your reply submitted on 18-4-2000 and for submitting report after investigation a 3(three) member enquiry committee was formed as per Letter No-1P-1011/2289, dated 18-5-2000. In the report submitted by the enquiry committee on 13-7-2000 the charge of negligence to duty, misconduct and absconding respectively has been proved against you under the 39(a) (b) (c) subclause of Bangladesh Rice Research Institute Employees Service Regulations

Besides, by signing the attendance register on 3-9-2000 and by taking three days' causal leave from 4-9-2000 to 6-9-2000 you are absenting till today. The charge of negligence to duty, misconduct and absconding are also proved against you by this too. Under the circumstance, the institute authority has decided that the tough punishment of "dismissal from the service" will be given as

the charge of negligence to duty, misconduct and absconding has

been proved against you as per 39 (a), (b), (c) subclause of the

Bangladesh Rice Research Institute Employees Service Regulations

Under these circumstance, you are directed to showcause within 10 (ten) working days from receiving letter/publishing in newspaper why you will not be dismissed from the service under 43(6) subclause of the said regulations. DFP-6203-11/3 MA Hamid Mia

G-482 Director General tain's graceful batting at the

'Azhar'-alike Laxman

Comparisons between Laxman and Azharuddin, who is serving a life ban for his alleged involvement in match-fixing, are not limited to both players hailing from the southern city of Hyderabad.

The 26-year-old concedes that at the start of his career, he consciously tried to copy Azharuddin's elegant style at the wicket. "He was so good to watch that many of us at school and college

wanted to play like him," Laxman

the teacher after playing one of the

cricket to trigger an astonishing in Calcutta, captain Saurav Gancomeback by India against the world champions. Laxman scored more runs in first knock one knock than the entire Indian team managed in the previous

three outings in the series - 176

and 219 at Bombay and 171 in the

first innings here.

Not only did Laxman overtake Sunil Gavaskar's Indian record of 236, but he also notched up the highest Test score on Indian soil, surpassing West Indian Rohan Kanhai's 256 way back in 1958.

Gavaskar," Laxman said. Chappell said Laxman has the talent to match the skills of both Gavaskar and West Indian Brian Lara. "A chanceless double century

is something special but when it

exceptional," he said.

come true, because I never dreamt

I would overtake a legend like

"This innings was as good as The wristy strokeplay of Lax- Lara's 277 at the Sydney Cricket Muddled selection policies

> but against South Africa in Ahmedabad in 1996. He was constantly shuffled around the batting order during the last two home series against South Africa and Zimbabwe, but put his foot down when the selectors asked him to open the

> "I am not comfortable opening," he said. "I prefer to come in one-drop which I have been doing for my state and zonal teams.

The pupil has now overtaken of 376. With Dravid struggling for runs guly switched the two around after

> 33 minutes to hit 44 boundaries in only his second three-figure score in Test cricket. who saluted his performance, and

wickets. Biman U-14

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Pirojpur Zone - Khulna, Jhalakathi, Gopalganj, Patuakhali, Bari-

Moulvibazar Zone - Sylhet,