

Garrick having heart problem

West Indies opening batsman Leon Garrick will return home from the tour of Sri Lanka because of a potentially serious heart ailment, the Caribbean News Agency (CANA) reported.

A statement from the West Indies Cricket Board's public relations firm on Tuesday said Garrick had been diagnosed with sick sinus syndrome after complaining of chest pains and shortness of breath.

Leg-spinner Dinanath Ramnarine will also return home early after tearing a muscle in his left side.

West Indies, who lost the Test series 3-0, will take part in a triangular one-day series with Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe starting on Saturday.

Amended and confirmed kick-off times

Football's world governing body FIFA on Tuesday amended and confirmed kick-off times for eight first round matches at the 2002 World Cup finals in South Korea and Japan.

Four matches had their times changed. England versus Sweden on June 2 is now at 0930 GMT and Argentina versus Nigeria on the same day is at 0530 GMT. On June 6, France against Uruguay starts at 1130 GMT and Denmark versus Senegal is at 0630 GMT.

Another four matches had their times confirmed. Brazil versus Turkey is at 0900 GMT on June 3 and Italy versus Ecuador is at 1130 GMT the same day. The June 14 clashes of Tunisia against Japan and Belgium versus Russia have both been confirmed for 0630 GMT.

Chirac greets Davis Cup heroes

France's Davis Cup victors were given an official welcome home by President Jacques Chirac here on Tuesday.

The French, 3-2 winners away to Australia in the final on Sunday were invited by Chirac to a reception at the Elysee Palace.

Only Sebastien Grosjean who returned from Melbourne directly to his home in Boca Raton, Florida was missing. Present were captain Guy Forget, doubles team Cedric Pioline and Fabrice Santoro and the main hero Nicolas Escude, who won both his singles ties.

"I want to pay homage to these exceptional players," said Chirac. "Their success was magical." "They are the worthy successors to the great Musketeers (1930s). It was a magnificent and splendid victory, the third in 10 years, against an Australian team which started as favourites.

"But the triumph also belongs of course to captain Guy Forget who has already won the Davis Cup as a player in 1991 at Lyon and in 1996 at Malmo." "It is a great honour to be received for a third time at the Elysee after our wins in 1991 and 1996," said French Tennis Federation president Christian Birmes.

After the reception, the players were to parade up the Champs Elysees and hold a press conference at Roland Garros stadium, home to the French Open.

Donald passes first test

Cricket

AFP, Perth

Allan Donald allayed concerns over his fitness with a strong display as South Africa won their opening tour match against an Australian Cricket Board Chairman's XI at Lilac Hill Park, near here, Wednesday.

The Proteas romped home by 47 runs, scoring 256 for nine wickets in their 50 overs before ousting the opposition for 209.

Donald, a 35-year-old veteran out of Test cricket since March through illness and an abdominal strain, stretched out convincingly in two spells, of six overs and later two overs, and took 2-42.

South African skipper Shaun Pollock has indicated his potential trump card is most likely to play against Western Australia in a four-day match starting on Friday.

Donald looked anything like a world-beater in his opening two overs, with dynamic right-hander Ryan Campbell blazing shots around the ground.

Donald's first two overs cost 23 runs, but once the big speedster found his rhythm, he struck back in quick time, removing Campbell for 29 (off 20 balls) caught behind by Mark Boucher.

Swashbuckling former Test opener Michael Slater went soon after, caught at point by Herschelle Gibbs for 14 to have the home side 2-49 in the eighth over.

The Chairman's side were soon in deeper trouble, with captain Simon Katich falling to Steve Elworthy (4-27) for five as his side slipped to 3-68.

Michael Hussey (56) kept his team in the contest and was joined by an evergreen Dean Jones -- a former Test batsman -- who made a dashing 38 off 41 balls.

But the pair departed in the same over from Lance Klusener (2-15) as the home side dipped to 6-188 in the 41st over, Hussey providing Gibbs with his fourth catch of the day.

Earlier, Klusener and man-of-the-match Neil McKenzie saved South Africa from some embarrassment when they provided some substance to the tourists' innings in a partnership of 98 for the fifth wicket.

McKenzie made 76 off 88 balls, hitting 12 fours and a six while



ALLAN DONALD

Klusener took 75 balls for his 63, with seven fours and a six.

Paceman Andy Bichel, after serving as 12th man for Australia in the three-Test series against New Zealand, relished the chance to roll his arm and in an aggressive opening spell captured two early wickets before coming back to remove Boucher (26) late in the innings. He took 3-28 off eight overs.

**SCOREBOARD**  
Scoreboard of the limited-overs tour match between Australian Cricket Board Chairman's XI and South Africa at Lilac Hill Park on Wednesday:  
**SOUTH AFRICA**  
Kirsten c Slater b Bichel 7

Gibbs c Cary b Angel	39
Rudolph c Hussey b Bichel	4
McKenzie c and b Cary	76
Dippenaar c Bichel b Williams	0
Klusener c Williams b North	63
Boucher c Katich b Bichel	26
Pollock c Katich b North	0
Elworthy c Campbell b Angel	1
Henderson not out	21
Ntini not out	8
Extras: (lb-3, w-9)	11
Total: (For 9 wks in 50 overs)	256
Fall of wickets: 1-13, 2-30, 3-74, 4-89, 5-187, 6-213, 7-213, 8-220, 9-233	

<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
Bichel	8	0	28	3
Reid	5	0	26	0
Angel	8	1	56	2
Williams	5	2	25	1
Hogg	8	1	33	0
Cary	8	0	47	1
North	7	0	36	2
Jones	1	0	3	0

<b>ACB CHAIRMAN'S XI</b>	
Slater c Gibbs b Donald	14
Campbell c Boucher b Donald	29
Katich c Gibbs b Elworthy	5
Goodwin c Henderson b Elworthy	13
Hussey c Pollock b Klusener	56
North c Gibbs b Henderson	20
Jones c Gibbs b Klusener	38
Hogg c Boucher b Elworthy	5
Bichel c Boucher b Elworthy	5
Williams c Klusener b Henderson	12
Angel not out	0
Extras: (lb-3, w-8, nb-1)	12
Total: (All out in 44.1 overs)	209
Fall of wickets: 1-40, 2-49, 3-68, 4-71, 5-125, 6-187, 7-188, 8-196, 9-209	

<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
Pollock	6	0	27	0
Donald	8	0	42	2
Elworthy	7.1	0	27	4
Hayward	6	1	21	0
Ntini	6	0	38	0
Henderson	8	1	36	2
Klusener	3	0	15	2
<b>Result: South Africa won by 47 runs.</b>				

NZ may question umpire's deeds

REUTERS, Sydney

New Zealand may make an official complaint over the performance of umpire Ian Robinson during the third Test against Australia.

The Zimbabwean official denied two calls for caught behind -- both of which looked valid on television replays -- to hamper New Zealand's push for victory over Australia in the final Test on Tuesday.

New Zealand Cricket chief executive Martin Snedden said they would consider complaining to the International Cricket Council (ICC).

"I know the New Zealand team had concerns about Robinson after his performance in previous matches," Snedden said. "It doesn't need me to give a personal opinion, the replays speak for themselves."

Saint Petersburg keen to host 2003 Masters Cup

AFP, Saint Petersburg

The northern Russian city of Saint Petersburg is preparing a bid to host the 2003 ATP Masters finals, press reports said Wednesday.

"The interest in the game in our city is huge," said the managing director of the Saint Petersburg Open tournament Mikhail Rydnik.

"There are plenty of tennis-loving fans in Saint Petersburg and they all will be happy to attend an event of such an importance," Rydnik said.

"We also have good experience of organising top tennis tournaments and our indoor tennis arena fits the strict demands of ATP," he added.

Rydnik said the sponsors of the Saint Petersburg Open had guaranteed to provide the prize cash -- about four million dollars -- for the finals which bring together the top eight male players of the year in a round-robin format.

He added that the organisers are now searching for government support for their project.

The first Masters Cup finals was held in Lisbon in 2000 when Gustavo Kuerten of Brazil won. This year's winner in Sydney was Australia's Lleyton Hewitt, while next year's Masters will be held in Shanghai.

Dokic to skip Aussie Open

AFP, Melbourne

Jelena Dokic has kept to her word and will not play in next month's Australian Open here.

Dokic renounced her Australian citizenship prior to the 2001 Australian Open, saying she wished to represent Yugoslavia, the land of her birth.

Dokic said last month that she would skip the first grand slam of the year "because it was too far away".

Dokic, the world No.8, was believed to be worried about the reception her controversial father and coach Damir would receive from the Australian media.

Her name was missing when entries for the women's singles closed Wednesday. The men's deadline is December 17.

Brian 'Loser' Lara!

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momentous statistical performance, although England's Wally Hammond retains his world record average for a Test rubber.

He set the bar at 563 after making 227 and 336 not out in two innings in a two-match contest in New Zealand in 1933.

Tillakaratne can almost match that over his last five Tests, during which he has made 549 runs for one dismissal.

Nobody seems to have noticed, though. Perhaps he should change his name. Tillakaratne is a bit of a mouthful for headline writers.

Lara is a much more convenient fit.

Aussies keep biggies away

Cricket

AFP, Perth

Australian selectors have decided to shield three of their big guns from South African eyes before next week's first clash in their three-match series.

Prolific opening batsman Justin Langer, Damien Martyn and

trio by saying they have decided "to rest them as part of their preparation for Adelaide".

Langer said here Wednesday he would not normally have dreamed of being absent from the State side in a clash with a visiting national side, but he was tired after playing so much recent cricket, including two Tests in the past 14 days.

Langer, a little left-hander, looms as a potential match-winner for

Australia after hitting three centuries and a 75 in his past four Tests. He averaged 80 in the drawn New Zealand series which ended Tuesday.

Martyn has lost his champion touch in recent matches, but is a highly talented player who could be ready to produce another big score.

Gilchrist, the world's leading wicketkeeper-batsman, almost carried his side to an amazing win in the third Test against New Zealand ending here Tuesday.

As Australia chased 440 to win in what would have been the greatest last innings run-down in Test history, he slammed an unbeaten 83 in 130 minutes, including 43 runs from 18 balls during one ferocious assault.

The three Western Australian players were also left out of the Australian Cricket Board Chairman's XI beaten by South Africa in a one-day match near here Wednesday.

However, that was understandable immediately after a taxing five-day Test.

The Chairman's XI batsman were impressed by the pace and hostility of ace South African bowler Allan Donald in the pipe-opener.

Famboyant opener Ryan Campbell said: "He is certainly one of the world's greatest fast men and I can see why, even though I think he kept a bit up his sleeve today."

Langer, who saw Donald from the boundary, said: "I am impressed with him. I'll be doing my homework and talking to Ryan before the Test."

"Donald is obviously a world class act and we will have to bat well against him."

The South Africans said Wednesday they had not finalised their team for the Friday clash.

Test batsman Simon Katich will skipper the Western Australian side, which has an outstanding record against international touring teams, and should provide stern competition for the tourists despite the absence of their leading Test stars.

**SQUAD**  
Simon Katich (captain), Michael Hussey (vice-captain), Ryan Campbell, Murray Goodwin, Kade Harvey, Brad Hogg, Stuart Karpinnen, Scott Meuleman, Matt Nicholson, Marcus North, Brad Oldroyd, Brad Williams (12th man to be named).

Korean dogfight

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visit to Britain.

FIFA officials said the football body had received thousands of messages over the past year urging the cancellation of the tournament in South Korea.

FIFA president Joseph Blatter called last month for action to be taken against the inhumane slaughter of dogs.

France has taken the brunt of the counter-protests, however.

"Some of Miss Bardot's comments seem to be accusing the whole nation of being 'barbaric', not just those who eat dogs, who are a minority," said a senior government official, who requested anonymity.

Her success in securing a letter of backing from the French Football Federation has also increased attention on French attitudes.



Boxing legend Muhammad Ali lights the torch for the Salt Lake 2002 Olympics at Centennial Olympic Park in Atlanta on December 4.

Ali ignites Olympic torch

REUTERS, Atlanta

Boxing legend Muhammad Ali lit the Olympic torch during a ceremony in Atlanta on Tuesday as the Olympic Flame arrived in the United States from Greece for the first time since 1996.

Ali, who lit the flame at the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta, passed the torch with hands shaking from Parkinson's disease to Olympic gold medal figure skater Peggy Fleming, who began the first leg of a 13,500-mile (21,700-km) relay destined for Salt Lake City, the host of the 2002 Winter Olympics.

The opening ceremonies of the Winter Games are on Feb. 8.

Atlanta was the starting point for the US torch relay because it hosted the last Olympics in the United States.

"The Olympic spirit overcomes fear, hatred and misunderstanding," Georgia Gov. Roy Barnes told a cheering crowd during the ceremony at Centennial Olympic Park.

"It is my hope that the Olympic spirit will spread across our nation

and our world," Barnes said.

The ceremony had special poignancy for Americans touched by the Sept. 11 airline attacks, as the relay's route has been changed to include Washington, New York and Pennsylvania in memory of the victims.

Among the torchbearers will be Lyzbeth Glick, the wife of Jeremy Glick, one of the passengers aboard the flight that crashed on Sept. 11 in Pennsylvania after passengers apparently struggled with hijackers.

Nearly 4,000 people were killed in that crash and the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Glick is scheduled to carry one of the torches, which are made of glass, silver and copper, on Dec. 23 in New York.

The torch left the Atlanta area on Tuesday afternoon after passing through the hands of former world heavyweight boxing champion Evander Holyfield and Olympic champion speedskater Bonnie Blair. It was taken to Athens, Georgia, by truck and is scheduled

to end the day by crossing into South Carolina.

The flame will be carried on foot, by plane, rail, ship, dog sled, horse-drawn sleigh and snowmobile through 46 states and 80 cities before arriving in Salt Lake City.

Ignited by the sun's rays in Olympia, Greece, where the first Olympics were staged nearly 3,000 years ago, the flame was used to ignite a cauldron in Atlanta from which the torch was lit.

"The Olympics is really a time for coming together and after Sept. 11 I have never seen the people of the United States more united," said Dan O'Brien, a US athlete who won a gold medal in the decathlon in Atlanta in 1996.

The Olympic Flame was first used for the 1936 Berlin Games and soon became a staple tradition for both the Summer and Winter Games. Greece, which will host the 2004 Summer Games, has said it wants to make its own torch relay a peace tool, touring conflict zones around the world.

Yet India on top

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master batsman his 27th Test century.

Tendulkar appeared in ominous form, hitting 14 boundaries as he dominated the England attack during his 229-minute knock.

In contrast, Ganguly was off his best on a batting wicket and looked awkward in fending off short-pitched deliveries from Andrew Flintoff and Hoggard, who finally ended his uncomfortable stay at the crease.

Venkatesai Laxman, struggling to regain form, could not build on a fine start as he cut an accurate Dawson straight to Nasser Hussain at point after scoring 28.

India lost Rahul Dravid in the first session, which produced 91 runs from 24 overs in contrast to the slow batting on Tuesday.

Dravid added eight to his overnight score of 78 when he was trapped leg-before by James Ormond within the first hour.

But Tendulkar settled in with three

fours in one over off Hoggard, on-driving the first ball, flicking the second through mid-wicket before smashing the fifth to square-leg.

**SCOREBOARD**  
Scoreboard at stumps on the third day of the first cricket Test between England and India at the Mohali Stadium on Wednesday:  
**ENGLAND:** First innings 238 (N Hussain 85, M Trescothick 66; Harbhajan Singh 5-51)  
**INDIA:** First innings (overnight 262-3)

Das b Butcher	2
Dasgupta b White	100
Kumble c Foster b Dawson	37
Dravid lbw b Ormond	86
Tendulkar c Foster b Hoggard	88
Ganguly c Thorpe b Hoggard	47
Laxman c Hussain b Dawson	28
Bangar c and b Dawson	36
Harbhajan lbw b Dawson	1
Siddiqui b Hoggard	24
Yohannan not out	2
Extras: (lb-12, w-2, nb-4)	18

<b>ENGLAND:</b> Second innings	
Butcher not out	11
Trescothick not out	16
Extras: (b-5, lb-1, w-1)	7
Total: (For no loss in 20 overs)	34

<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
Hoggard	32	9	98	3
Ormond	28	8	70	1
Butcher	7	1	19	1
Flintoff	34	11	80	0
White	25	8	56	1
Dawson	43	6	134	4

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

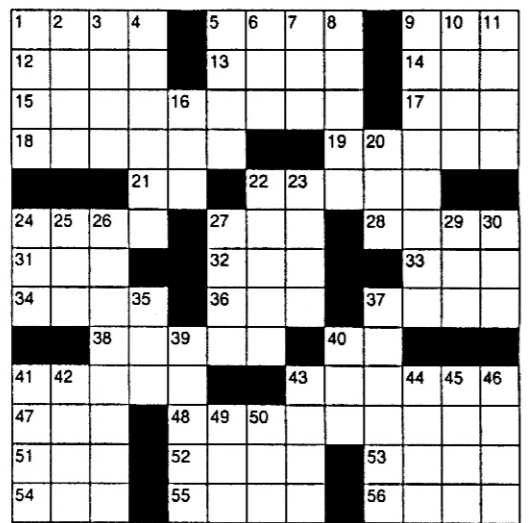
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22 TEND A  
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27 COMMONEST

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9 FORMER  
10 WIND  
11 A  
16 VERILY  
20 INDIVISIBLE



**CRYPTOQUIP**  
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Yesterday's Cryptogram: BEFORE TAKING THE  
FIRST BITE, THE TABLE OF DINING SKELETONS  
SAID, "BONE APPETIT!"  
Today's Cryptogram Clue: T equals O

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.