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PHOTO: AFF Spain star Raul Gonzalez Blanco arrives at their team camp in Ulsan, South Korea, for a press conference yesterday.

Naughty boy Raul!



AP, Ulsar

Barely a day in South Korea and the Spanish World Cup squad served up its first controversy with assistant coach Carlos Lorenzana refusing to comment on reports he had threatened to resign following a run-in with team star Raul Gonzalez.

"What's happened is in the past and I at least have forgotten about it," said Lorenzana, replying to a barrage of questions during the first news conference at the team's base in Ulsan -- just a day after the squad's arrival

Lorenzana had a brief quarrel with Raul on Sunday during training in Jerez, Spain. The Real Madrid striker told the squad official to leave him alone when the trainer insisted he put more effort into a particular exercise

Rumors quickly spread that Lorenzana's comments were not directed at Raul with the assistant also believed to have discussed his possible resignation with coach Jose Antonio Camacho.

Lorenzana called it "a thing that happens in teams when they're together, a one-off incident." "I don't think it merits any more

comment and I think we have many more important things to talk about than a simple training run-in. For my part, it's totally forgotten about." He admitted having talked with Camacho but refused to divulge the

subject, saying they were "personal matters." He said he would greet Raul just like he would any other team member. The incident occurred on Raul's

first day of training with the national team after he, Hierro and three other players came back from winning Real Madrid's ninth European Champions Cup trophy in Glasgow, Scotland, on May 15. Camacho has said he wants

Raul to take charge of the team and help ditch its tag of perennial underachiever by at least getting past the quarterfinals Spain arrived in Ulsan, in south-

east South Korea, on Tuesday 12 days before it plays its first Group B match against Slovenia. It also faces Paraguay and South Africa in the opening round.

Ronaldo picks four INTERNET, Kuala Lumpur

Brazilian star Ronaldo said he considers Brazil, Argentina, France and Italy to be the World Cup favorites, ANSA reported.

The Inter Milan striker who is presently in Kuala Lumpur, where the Brazilians will play with the Malaysian national side, said:

"There are those that think we have got a good draw with Turkey, China and Costa Rica, but it's not the moment to think about whether one opponent or another is an easy one. What we have to do now is get rid of who is in our way.

"The World Cup is a serious, very serious thing and we will have to

make ourselves respected right from the start. "It's been a difficult time for

Brazilian football. But now we are closer to what we can really do and for me we are among the favourites along with Argentina, France and Italy

> The Phenomenon added: "As far as I'm concerned, I want

to try and do better than in France, to play better and score more goals. The big lesson I learned from the last World Cup is that you need to have unity and trust in the squad.

"If one player doesn't help another, you don't get anywhere. Nobody can win on their own. In a team that wants to win, everyone has to react in the same way."

AFP, Seoul

Portugal.

AFP, Seoul

dog meat.

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on Thursday.

Dogburgers will be on the menu for

fans during the World Cup in South

Korea as lovers of the controversial

consider unfair preiudice against

Dog meat campaigners will also

"The more we try to hide it from

foreigners, the more they will bark

and maul us," Professor Ann Yong-

Geun a food scientist at

Chungchong University and a

leading dog meat advocate told AFP

eating dog meat has come in for

The South Korean tradition of

2002 FIFA WORLD CUP

show off cosmetics using fat from

dog meat which they say is good for

Brazil's to go FIFA president Sepp Blatter made a new plea for top players to get fewer matches and protec-tion from fouls Thursday as England and other top nations nursed a growing World Cup injurylist for fast goal AFP, Kuala Lumpur

injury list. Look for fireworks in the opening England's injury jinx struck again when Danny Murphy became the fourth midfielder to minutes of Brazil's World Cup games, technical director Antonio Lopez warned Thursday as he be sidelined. France is agonising unveiled the side's "strike first and over Thierry Henry while Germany have lost four key players in recent weeks and former world player of the year Luis Figo is struggling to be fit for Portugal fast" plan

"Brazil will try to score a goal immediately," Lopez said, setting a 15-minute guideline to be on the board

The attacking play would not be at the expense of all defence, and Brazil "will have to ensure it does not take a goal in the first 15 minutes as it tries to score during that period." Lopez dismissed talk that Brazil

Seoul. "The national and interna-tional problem is overloading. had an inherit weakness in defence. "It was true in the 50s. 60s and There are players who have played 60-70 matches and now 70s. It is no longer true now," he said they are tired. They try to do their best for the World Cup and then they are injured."

Brazil arrived here Monday for the final leg of their pre-tournament build-up, a friendly against Malaysia Saturday.

They open their World Cup campaign against Turkey on June 3. China and Costa Rica are also in their first round group.

Lopez played down China as a wounded by allegations of misthreat, but said they had made management and corruption, also said top players were a considerable progress like other Asian sides in recent years. growing target of fouls from

"They have improved. They are in the same league with other strong Asian teams like South Korea, Japan, Iran and Kuwait," he said.

renewed international attention 2CO2 FIFA WORLD CUP because of the World Cup, to be KOREA APAN

May 31. French actress turned animal rights campaigner Brigitte Bardot has been particularly vocal in her condemnation of Koreans.

"I hope this event will help correct prejudice against dog meat and legalize the consumption of it," Ann cuisine attempt to counter what they told AFP.

Products to be on display during the tournament will include Korean and western dishes. Among them will be kimchi, Korea's national dish of spicy, fermented vegetable. But Ann's kimchi will be fermented by digestive enzyme from dogs.

Also on the menu are dogburgers, dog meat balls, canned dog meat, soup and even dog flavoured bread, mayonnaise and ketchup.

cream containing dog fat will also be

Injuries worry Blatter

held in South Korea and Japan from

ums on match days.

But about one million dogs are sold every year for food in South Korea and an estimated 92 percent of men aged 20 and above and 68 percent of adult women have tasted

on display. Dog fat contains three times as much calcium as other kinds of fat and is easier to apply to human skin, the professor said.

Dog meat restaurant owners have said they will invite foreign visitors to try specially prepared dog meat juice outside World Cup stadi

Dog restaurants were told to close or move into the backstreets when Seoul hosted the 1988 Olympics but no similar move is planned for the World Cup.

The authorities have said foreign activists should not interfere in Korean traditions and that the practice is slowly disappearing in

dog meat, a recent survey showed.

Dogburgers anyone? USA full of confidence form. They both realize we can win

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AFP. New York

opener against Portugal.

question of the guy standing up and impressing. They are both outstanding. Our team is confident in both of them. "They realize the way they deal with the decision is important to the

with either of them in the goal. It's a

United States coach Bruce Arena success of the team. They underwas confident on the eve of his stand what we have been through football team's departure for the and they understand the importance World Cup despite having settled of putting the team first. almost nothing about his lineup.

Arena ioined the maiority of Improvement upon 1998's lastexperts in naming defending champlace finish in the 32-nation event is pion France and South American almost certain after the US team powerhouse Argentina as the teams won the North American qualifying to beat. But he also likes Brazil to crown and made a decent showing bounce back from qualifying strugin tuneup matches for the June 5 gles

"Clearly I'm aware the team from France is pretty good and so is Argentina," Arena said. "France and Argentina appear to be the teams going in. Also, the traditional powers will be heard, Italy, Germany, Brazil. "But honestly, if you ask me to

"I'm just going to look at Portugal

attacking team. They have experi-

enced a lot of success at a lot of

Arena cheated a bit and watched

half of South Korea's friendly with

England. The host Koreans are

second on the US schedule, June

10, and Arena knows the home

thing they showed last year. They

have set their lineup," Arena said.

They are going to be hard to beat.

They are a very difficult team. They

have got 7, 8, 9 players behind the

ball real quick. They're still not a

team dynamic going forward. They

are going to try to get one win and

against their system and we're

going to change a few things since

the last time they have seen us.

We'll make some adjustments, but

and I'm handling it much better than I

Acasuso 6-3 6-2 at the World Team

Cup tournament, a good sign for the

former junior world number one

before the claycourt French Open,

Roddick beat Argentine Jose

did last year when I was over here."

"We have been on the field

probably two draws.

"Korea showed us the same

heroes will be tough to tame.

various levels."

three-plus games. "We have prepared well for this name two groups, I couldn't. I'm tremendous challenge. The players pretty ignorant. I haven't paid attenwill be ready come June 5. I'm tion to much else than what we confident they will give us a good showing. We can see the light at the end of the tunnel and we are from now until June 5. They enter excited. our group as the most outstanding

"We go with a lot of optimism,"

Arena said Wednesday. "We will be

fully prepared and confident we can

win. We're not going to Korea to take

a vacation. We're going to play

But about all Arena knows for certain is he will have 11 men in the red, white and blue on the field. The final two weeks of training will decide several starting jobs.

"That's good news I think," Arena said. "A number of players have positioned themselves to be in the 11.

"It's going to be based on who we think is in form over the next two weeks. If some players are particularly moving forward, I think they will have an edge to get into the starting lineup.

The biggest uncertainty is at goalkeeper, where both Kasey Keller and Brad Friedel have performed well Arena said he does not believe

there will be a rift on the team when the choice of a starter is made, but he knows how both men handle the decision will be critical to chemistry. "They've both done an excellent

we know who we are and we won't job the past six months," Arena said. be radically different come June 5. They both realize they are in great

'Homesick' Roddick "It's more just being homesick.

Tennis I'm very close to a lot of people at home and I miss them a lot. But I guess that comes with the territory

REUTERS, Duesseldorf

Andy Roddick won a tune-up match for the French Open and the 19year-old American said homesickness was as big a problem as any he had tackled in Europe's major tournaments

"Obviously I'm still learning to adjust and keep up with the travel and whatnot, the more I do it the better I'll become accustomed to it, I think." world number 14 Roddick said.

which starts next Monday in Paris. Last Sunday Roddick was beaten by France's Arnaud Clement but he

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FIFA president Sepp Blatter addresses the press after his arrival at the Incheon International Airport yesterday.

are already battling to be fit for Henry in France's World Cup England's opening Group match with Sweden on June 2.

Figo, 29, who had a disappointing match for Spanish club Real Madrid in their Champions England coach Sven-Goran Eriksson now has only three three fit midfielders, Paul Scholes, Owen Hargreaves and League final victory over Bayer Leverkusen last week, is now a doubt for Portugal's friendly against China in Macau on Saturday. Joe Cole and may have to consider bringing in replacements for his 23 man squad.

Korea anyway.

Cosmetics including skin care

A month of losses?



AFP, Rio de Janeiro

Companies are searching for strategies to stop a fall in productivity during the World Cup as footballcrazy Brazilians head to work with heavy eyelids after rising at dawn to watch their side play.

As Brazil prepare to kick off their World Cup 2002 campaign with a match against Turkey on June 3, bosses are resigned that their staff will do nothing but talk and think football for up to a month, especially if Brazil makes it to the final round.

Realizing it is impossible to come between Brazilians and their football, some companies have devised ingenious ideas to keep work somewhere in people's minds, since resorting to threats is likely to fail.

"Instead of getting heated up and wondering if the yields of our staff of 320 are down, we are looking for ways to motivate them,' Cecila Paiva, personnel boss at Officenet, said

Her company has decorated their offices with Brazil's colors, with countless tiny flags dotted around.

In most companies that are open round-the-clock, special schedules have been set up for match days. People who work in the pre-

dawn hours -- when many of the matches will air in the Americas -will be allowed to interrupt their work to watch the games on specially installed large screens or television sets.

Those who work in the mornings will be allowed to come in later, but management will also be providing a good breakfast to give people more incentive to come in. Staff will be able to make up at the end of the day for time lost earlier. In other companies, the betting

and tee-shirts doled out to encourage people to egg on their team from their work station

"We can't be too tough on match days, but it will be necessary to at least keep an eye on productivity," said one credit card firm's director who has thought about bringing in staff reinforcements.

But bosses here know what Brazilians are like on days even when local teams such as Rio's Flamengo and Vasco are playing, with nerves tightly on edge.

"Even when it's a Flamengo or Vasco match, people's moods change, their attitude is different," a telephone company boss told AFP. Brazilians, however, are used to

going in to work on minimal rest.

"Just like in Carnival, I'm going to stay up all night drinking coffee and powdered guarana (an Amazon energy-giving plant)," photographer Felicio Gomez said, but added that he would only be watching Brazil play.

books are already being opened

other players "I can never understand why a

"There have been so many injuries in preparing for the World Cup that one has to say that the

teams of these players have played too many matches," Blatter said as he arrived in

He added: "In the future the

then

eagues must look into this so

that they have less matches and

they will come to the World Cup

Blatter, whose rule has been

"You will see that most of the

big teams are especially missing

their creative players because they are the targets of some

players in better condition

with their best sides.

opposing players.

play

footballer is denying the qualities of another player by using foul

Without saying what mea-sures FIFA would take, Blatter said "Now it is time to remind players to please play fair because now it is so important that the World Cup in Korea and Japan produces the best of football, not only emotion and passion and the wonderful organisation, but also in entertainment.

Former World Cup winners England and Germany have been some of the worst hit by injuries

England's Murphy was to undergo a bone scan on Thursday to determine the severity of a foot injury suffered in training in the South Korean island of Jeju on Wednesday.

Murphy had only been in the Squad as a replacement for Liverpool colleague Steven Gerrard, who has been ruled out of the World Cup with a groin problem problem.

England captain David Beckham (fractured foot) and Kieron Dyer and Nicky Butt, who have knée ligament problems,

Germany arrived in Japan on Thursday with injuries further depleting low national expecta-tions of World Cup success.

Key midfielder Sebastian Deisler and Jorg Heinrich became the latest players to pull prompting the squad on Monday, prompting the call-up of Lars Ricken and Jorg Bohme.

Coach Rudi Voller is also missing several other key play-ers, including midfielder Mehmet Scholl and defensive lynchpin Jens Nowotny. But he said before leaving: "We're still capable of creating a surprise or two.

Already in Japan, reigning champions France have moved to quash doubts over Thierry Henry's fitness even though he has not shaken off a knee injury since the end of the Enalish season and missed France's matches against Belgium last weekend and Japanese side Urawa Red Diamonds on

Wednesday. Coach Roger Lemerre said earlier Wednesday Henry faced a fitness test on Sunday and that his status would be reviewed after

But France later issued a statement saying "For the moment, the presence of Thierry

Monica sails,

He has been suffering from an jury to his right ankle since mid-Fébruary which has severely hampered his performances.

squad is not in doubt.'

said he was now serving with greate accuracy and hitting the ball better from the baseline. The road, however, was still uphill.



Italy World Cuppers practise at the Sendai Stadium in Japan yesterday.

Germans reach Japan



AFP, Tokyo

The 23-strong German World Cup squad arrived in Japan Thursday to stay at a luxury resort featuring a huge indoor beach and artificial erupting volcano until June 10.

The team landed at Miyazaki, some 900 kilometers (560 miles) south of Tokyo, on a chartered flight and was greeted by some 500 local residents at the airport, a Miyazaki city official said.

"We are very excited about their arrival. We decorated our town with German flgas and banners to welcome the team," said the city official

The luxury resort Seagaia failed in 2000, but US investment fund Ripplewood Holdings LLC bought it for 16.2 billion yen (131 million dollars) in 2001.

Germany are in Group E with Cameroon, Saudi Arabia and Ireland.



The German World Cup squad train at their base in Miyazaki, Japan, yesterday

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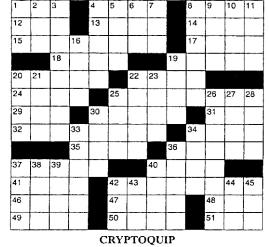
round, moved into the quarterfinals with a 7-5, 6-2 victory over Spain's Four seeded players lost in the

Fifth seed Anna Smashnova of

nated highly touted Russian Dinara Safina, 7-5, 6-1. The 16-year-old Safina, a qualifier and the younger sister of ATP star Marat Safin, reached the semifinals at Estoril last month.

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VDC P S PFVPCO Y VKPHYZQ ODMHA-OFKKNK ODYHAO? Y GKFYKNK YZ A D K H Y Q D A A M G P H K P H S O . Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THE FUNNY BIOLOGIST ONCE DECLARED, "OUR LIVES ARE OVA BEFORE THEY'VE BEGUN."

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

Top seed Monica Seles of the United States moved on, but two more seeds fell Wednesday in the second round of the 170,000 dollars Madrid Open claycourt tennis tournament. Seles, who had a bye in the first

Marta Marrero, American Chanda Rubin had the biggest upset of the day, posting a 6-3, 7-6 victory over Spain's Arantxa Sanchez Vicario

first round on Tuesday. Israel avoided an upset Wednesday as she defeated Australian Alicia Grande of Italy was ousted by Columbian Fabiola Zuluaga, 7-5, 7-

Argentina's Paola Suarez elimi-

INTERNET, Madrid

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