Trophy treats

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who was my school friend. That's why I thought I should come here to surprise him," said Zunaeed.

WHY IN ENGLAND?

Bangladesh vice-captain Khaled Mashud finds it difficult to understand why such big cricket events should be held in England.

"Sometimes I forget that we are in the middle of a big tournament. There is hardly any excitement about it here. Most English people only talk about football," observed the wicket-keeper.

"Can you believe that no one in the hotel's lobby did not even notice that Brian Lara was there. I think developing countries like ours are better venues for such tournaments because of the sheer enthusiasm " he said.

A COMMON MISTAKE

Left-arm seamer Manjurul Islam is not a member of the Bangladesh team at the ICC Champions Trophy but his photograph was there in the squad page of the tournament's media guidebook.

Islam got his photo mistakenly put beside the profile of left-arm spinner Manjarul Islam Rana.

WEST INDIAN ALWAYS

The West Indies is no longer the dominating side of the 80s but someone like David Hut still follows the Caribbeans passionately and never misses the chance to watch his favourite team.

"It is very much painful for me to see them struggling. I have been following the West Indies side since 1972 and have some lifelong memories of watching Vivian Richards bat, " said the 52-year old cricket fan who never misses a chance to go to West Indies' matches.

"Lara can change the scenario of the team but he is a very moody player. Unfortunately they even struggled against Bangladesh in the last Test series," said a frustrated Hut.

Federer grabs No 1 spot

REUTERS, *London*

It is mid-September and Roger Federer has already guaranteed he will end the year as world number one.

Winner of three of the four Grand Slams in 2004, the Swiss has built an insurmountable lead in the year-long Champions Race. He has 1,087 points compared with 647 for second-placed Andy Roddick of the United States.

The ATP, organiser of men's tennis, said on its website on Wednesday it believed this was the earliest in the year a player had locked up the number one position in the professional era.

Federer won the U.S. Open last weekend to add to his Australian Open and Wimbledon crowns this year. He is the first player to win three major titles in one year since Mats Wilander of Sweden in 1988.

He has a 64-6 win-loss record on the ATP Tour this year.

Bielsa leaves Argentina

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Argentina Football Association (AFA) president Julio Grondona said he wanted to hire Bianchi, who won the South American Libertadores Cup three times in four years with Boca, the country's most popular club.

"The priority is Bianchi," said Grondona, who has less than one month to find a replacement before their next World Cup qualifier, at home to neighbours Uruguay on October 10.

Argentina's fortunes had changed for the better after Bielsa rebuilt the team, blending younger players such as forward Carlos Tevez and midfielders Javier Mascherano and Luis Gonzalez alongside established names like Cristian Gonzalez and Javier Zanetti.

His team played some excellent football at the Copa America in July before losing the final in unfortunate fashion to arch-rivals Brazil in a penalty shootout.

Bielsa, who was in charge for 68 matches, winning 42, drawing 16 and losing 10, then took the under-23 team -- including a number of the Copa America squad -- to the Athens Olympic Games where they won the gold medal in style with Tevez scoring eight goals.

They followed that up with a 3-1 away victory in Peru in a World Cup qualifier 10 days ago to leave them a comfortable second in the South American group and firmly on course for Germany in 2006.

Bielsa, who comes from a family of lawyers, is regarded as one of the most eccentric figures international football and the black sheep of the family.

His older brother Rafael is Argentina's Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Bielsa remained a mysterious and enigmatic figure throughout his reign.

He rarely shows emotion, even after his team play well, and often baffles the public with his long-winded, almost scientific explanations about his tactics. During matches, he paces up and down the touchline almost non-stop but rarely celebrates goals.

After an undistinguished playing career which was ended prematurely by a knee injury, Bielsa turned to coaching and was the surprise choice to replace Daniel Passarella after the 1998 World Cup.

Bielsa said that the low point came in Japan and South Korea where Argentina lost to England on the way to first-round elimination, having cantered through the qualifiers.

His team selections have often baffled the Argentine public.

He never allowed Hernan Crespo and Gabriel Batistuta to play together earlier in his reign and has been reluctant to give Javier Saviola an extended run in the team.

BIELSA FACTS

AFP, *Paris*

Factfile on Marcelo Bielsa after he resigned as coach of Argentinian football side on Tuesday:

MARCELO BIELSA

Birthdate: July 21 1955
Birthplace: Rosario (Argentina)

Playing career
Clubs: Newell's Old Boys (1976), Instituto de Cordoba (1977-78), Argentino de Rosario (1979)
Coaching career: Newell's Old Boys (1990-92), Atlas (MEX/1993-95), America (MEX/1995-97), Velez Sarsfield (1997-98), Espanyol (SPA/1998)

Trophies
Argentinian championship: Newell's (1991, 1992), Velez Sarsfield (1998)
Copa Libertadores: Finalist with Newell's (1992)

National coach: Argentina (January 1999 - September 2004)
Record: 66 matches, 42 victories, 14 draws, 10 defeats, 123 goals scored, 56 conceded
Knocked out in first round of 2002 World Cup finals
Gold medallist 2004 Olympics
Finalist 2004 Copa America

Atapattu warns his batsmen

AFP, *London*

Sri Lanka captain Marvan Atapattu has urged his side to play with greater determination or face elimination from the ICC Champions Trophy.

The Sri Lankans, who struggled to beat Zimbabwe by four wickets here on Tuesday, face a Pool D decider with England in Southampton on Friday.

The winners will advance to the semifinals with the losers being eliminated and Atapattu is concerned that his side's sometimes sloppy batting against the plucky Zimbabweans should not be taken into that crunch game.

"We need application more than improvement," said Atapattu.

"Knowing the conditions will also do a lot of good as we know what to expect now but we have got to do better."

Atapattu knows from experience how much pressure the home side will be under going into Friday's game.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of ICC Champions Trophy Pool D match between Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe at The Oval in London on Tuesday:

ZIMBABWE: 191 all out in 49.1 overs (Chigumbura 57, Utseya 31, Vermeulen 17; Zoysa 3-19, Maharoof 3-38)

SRI LANKA

Gunawardana c Vermuelen b P'gara	4
Jayasuriya c Taibu b Hondo	2
Atapattu c Taibu b C'bura	43
Jayantha c Ebrahim b C'bura	36
Sangakkara c Chigumbura b Sibanda	28
Jayawardena lbw b C'bura	28
Dilshan not out	25
Chandana not out	20
Extras: (w-7, nb-2)	9
Total: (For 6 wkts in 43.5 overs)	195

Fall of wickets: 1-4, 2-10, 3-54, 4-99, 5-141, 6-162
Did not bat: Vaas, Maharoof, Zoysa

Bowler	O	M	R	W
P'gara	6	0	39	1
Hondo	9	0	27	1
Rainsford	10	0	46	0
C'bura	8.5	1	37	3
Sibanda	6	0	24	1
Utseya	4	0	22	0

Result: Sri Lanka won by 4 wickets.
Man-of-the-match: Elton Chigumbura.

Booters' bourse

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Concerned about lack of quality footballers, the delegation also requested the governing body of the game to take necessary steps to groom young players.

The BFF is expected to confirm the transfer details in its executive committee meeting tonight.

It is speculated that the federation is going to hand over free tokens to the footballers early in October and set a transfer date sometime in the third week.

Although the players have welcomed the decision, the clubs might oppose the early transfer as it is going to be held just after conclusion of a season. It could be difficult for the clubs to raise the necessary funds long before the new season.

The new season is expected to begin with the holding of Federation Cup in February, followed by the Dhaka Premier League in March.

PHOTO: AFP

Inter Milan striker Christian Vieri having his penalty saved by the Werder Bremen goalkeeper at the Meazza stadium in Milan on September 14.

Contenders start well

UEFA CHAMPS LEAGUE

AP, *London*

Chelsea coasted to a 3-0 win on Didier Drogba's two goals, Arsenal needed an own-goal for victory and defending champion FC Porto was held to a 0-0 draw on the opening night of the Champions League season.

Chelsea had the most comfortable win at Paris Saint-Germain as manager Jose Mourinho continued his European success after guiding Porto to the title last season.

John Terry's header put the London side ahead in the 28th minute and Drogba finished off the French side.

"It was fantastic, the players controlled the game from the first minute to the last," Mourinho said. "We scored goals and had a lot of possession as well as controlling in the defense. We had a lot of the ball and we were top class, every single player."But Chelsea lost striker Eidur Gudjohnsen, bloodied from head-to-head contact with PSG's Jose Pierre-Fanfan, who later returned to the field wearing a thick bandage. Mourinho said Gudjohnsen needed eight stitches in his head but did not sustain a concussion.

In the other Group H match, Porto, without half the team and the manager that beat Monaco to win the European title last season, tied at home with CSKA Moscow.

Arsenal beat PSV Eindhoven 1-0 when defender Alex scored into his own net, while Ezequiel Gonzalez scored both in Panathinaikos' 2-0 win over Rosenborg in Group E.

Arsenal is unbeaten in 45 league matches in England, but has never stamped its authority in Europe. Tuesday's win earned more points than its opening three matches did at the start of last season's Champion League.

"I think we never reached our usual level of play," Arsenal striker Dennis Bergkamp said. "They made it very difficult for us. In my opinion, they had no intention to get anything out of this game."

Italy's Inter Milan beat German champion Werder Bremen 2-0, with the German team playing short-handed. Adriano scored twice for Inter. Defender Valerien Ismael was shown a red card by referee Lubos Michel for tripping Adriano inside the penalty area in the sixth minute.

Christian Vieri saw his penalty saved before Adriano broke the deadlock in the 34th minute.

The muscular Brazil international succeeded where his strike partner Vieri had failed, converting Inter's second penalty after he had been brought down in the penalty box for a second time.

Inter, European champions in 1964 and 1965, wrapped up the three points two minutes from time when Adriano finished a swift counter-attack with a venomous strike.

The match exploded into life in the fifth minute when Isamael was sent for an early bath.

Adriano collected Emre's superb through-ball and went steaming towards goal, only for Ismael to haul back the livewire Brazilian just as he was about to shoot.

However, Inter were unable to profit from the penalty as Vieri's poor spot-kick was blocked by Reinke's sprawling legs.

Just as the Germans started to grow in confidence and put pressure on the Inter goal, Bremen gave away another penalty.

Once again Adriano was the victim, brought down by Bremen captain Frank Baumann.

After his earlier failure, Vieri decided to stand down and Adriano coolly stroked the ball into the corner as Reinke dived the wrong way.

Adriano settled Inter's nerves, drilling a low shot into the bottom corner with his explosive left foot.

Inter will face Anderlecht in Belgium in a fortnight, while Bremen will host Spanish champions Valencia.

Valencia also won 2-0 over Anderlecht in Group G.

In Group F, AC Milan needed a late goal to beat Ukraine's Shakhtar Donetsk 1-0.

RESULTS AT A GLANCE

AFP, *Paris*

Collated Champions League results on Tuesday:

Group E
In London
Arsenal (ENG) 1 (Alex 41-og) PSV Eindhoven (NED) 0
In Athens
Panathinaikos (GRE) 2 (Gonzalez 43, 79) Rosenborg (NOR) 1 (Frode Johnsen 90)

Group F
In Glasgow
Celtic 1 (Sutton 59) FC Barcelona 3 (Deco 20, Giuly 78, Larsson 82)
In Donetsk, Ukraine
Shakhtar Donetsk (UKR) 0 AC Milan (ITA) 1 (Seedorf 84)

Group G
In Milan
Inter Milan (ITA) 2 (Adriano 34-pen, 89) Werder Bremen (GER) 0
In Valencia, Spain
Valencia (SPA) 2 (Vicente 16, Baraja 45) Anderlecht (BEL) 0

Group H
In Porto, Portugal
FC Porto (POR) 0 CSKA Moscow (RUS) 0
In Paris
Paris Saint Germain (FRA) 0 Chelsea (ENG) 3 (Terry 29, Drogba 45, 76)

Maradona can leave for Cuba

AFP, *Buenos Aires*

Football legend Diego Maradona has been granted his wish to travel to Cuba to undergo treatment for his cocaine addiction, a judicial source told AFP on Tuesday.

The 43-year-old had wanted to go but his ex-wife and daughters challenged that believing he would not get the treatment he needed.

However with the five days allowed for them to appeal an earlier court decision having expired the 1986 World Cup winner is free to go, though the court ruled that he could only be treated in The Mental Health Centre (CENSAM) in Havana and nowhere else.

"Diego Maradona will leave for Cuba depending on the weather conditions and when his state of health permits him to," said his lawyer Hector Leguizamon.

Only on Saturday Maradona had to be rushed to hospital with high blood pressure and a high fever, having almost died earlier in the year because of heart and lung problems.

El Guerrouj honoured

AFP, *Madrid*

Moroccan athlete Hicham El Guerrouj, double Olympic champion over 1500m and 5000m, has been awarded this year's Asturias Prize for Sport, the jury announced on Wednesday.

The award comes just days after El Guerrouj received the "cordon de commandeur," one of his country's highest decorations, from King Mohammed VI.

The 29-year-old athlete has described himself as an "athletics missionary" and is one of the sport's most recognised figures.

His Olympic successes last month in Athens made him the first male athlete since Paavo Nurmi in 1924 to pull off the Olympic 1500 and 5000 metres double.

Spain's Crown Prince Felipe is the patron of the Asturias foundation which annually hands out eight awards - each worth 50,000 euros (61,000 dollars).

Grosjean misses Davis Cup tie

AFP, *Paris*

France will be without their top player Sebastien Grosjean for the Davis Cup semifinal against Spain later this month, team captain Guy Forget said Tuesday.

Forget will be counting on Arnaud Clement, Mickael Llodra, Paul-Henri Mathieu, Fabrice Santoro and replacement Julien Benneteau for the tie on clay in Alicante from September 24 to 26.

A left thigh injury had initially been given for world number 10 Grosjean's decision not to play, but a series of poor results are also being blamed for the Frenchman's low spirits and his subsequent decision to end the season.

Pakistan thrash Kenya

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bit," he added.

Pakistan looked comfortable as they moved to 70 without loss in the 13th over before Hameed failed to move his feet and was caught behind off Martin Suji.

Malik and Afridi fell cheaply but Farhat and Abdul Razzaq eased Pakistan to their target.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the ICC Champions Trophy Pool C match between Kenya and Pakistan at Edgbaston in Birmingham on Wednesday:

KENYA

Otieno lbw b Malik	33
Shah c Afridi b Naved	0
Ouma c Moin b Afridi	23
Tikolo b Malik	0
Modi not out	18
Odoyo b Afridi	0
Patel b Afridi	1
Aga b Malik	1
Patel b Afridi	0
Suji run out	0
Ongondo b Afridi	2
Extras: (lb-5, w-5, nb-6)	16
Total: (All out in 32 overs)	94

Fall of wickets: 1-2, 2-67, 3-67, 4-70, 5-71, 6-78, 7-85, 8-90, 9-90

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Sami	5	2	14	0
Naved	6	0	19	1
Akhtar	5	2	10	0
Razzaq	4	0	20	0
Malik	6	1	15	3
Afridi	6	1	11	5

PAKISTAN

Hameed c Otieno b Suji	41
Farhat not out	38
Malik c Tikolo b Aga	0
Afridi b Aga	3
Razzaq not out	7
Extras: (lb-1, w-2, nb-3)	6
Total: (For 3 wkts in 18.4 overs)	95

Fall of wickets: 1-70, 2-71, 3-81
Did not bat: Inzamam, Youhana, Moin, Naved, Sami, Akhtar

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Suji	8	0	37	1
Odoyo	3	0	20	0
Ongondo	3.4	1	20	0
Aga	4	0	17	2

Result: Pakistan won by 7 wickets.
Man-of-the-match: Shahid Afridi.
Toss: Pakistan.
Umpires: Darrell Hair (Australia) and Billy Doctrove (West Indies).

Barca conquer Parkhead

UEFA CHAMPS LEAGUE

AFP, *Glasgow*

Celtic crashed to their first ever Champions League defeat at Parkhead on Tuesday when they went down 3-1 to Spanish giants Barcelona in their Group F tie.

Goals from Deco, Ludovic Giuly, and former Celtic legend Henrik Larsson, handed Frank Rijkaard's side all three points with Chris Sutton scoring for the home side just after half-time to briefly level the game.

Traffic congestion had caused the kick-off to be delayed by 30 minutes and the delay seemed to unsettle the home side who looked nervous as soon as the game got underway.

Barcelona knocked the ball about confidently and Celtic were finding it impossible to get on the ball.

John Hartson was clearly frustrated about his side's start and was booked after only one minute when he

chopped down Rafael Marquez.

A mistake by Jackie McNamara then almost gave Barcelona the lead on five minutes when he allowed a pass to run through on to the feet of Juliano Belletti.

Luckily for Celtic goalkeeper David Marshall was quickly off his line to block at the right-back's feet.

Ronaldinho was next to try his luck when he cracked in a powerful drive from 20-yards on seven minutes which drifted just wide of Marshall's right-hand post.

Celtic were being forced on the back foot and only desperate defending was keeping the game scoreless.

But on eight minutes the home side created an opening when Juninho played Henri Camara through, but the Senegal striker's shot was weak and easily gathered by Victor Valdes in the Barcelona goal.

On 19 minutes the visitors took a deserved lead when Ronaldinho picked up a loose ball. The Brazilian showed great awareness on the ball and played a delightful sliding pass to Deco who smashed a wonderful shot past Marshall into the top left-hand corner.

Barcelona were giving Celtic a footballing lesson and only desperate defending was keeping the score at 1-0.

On the stroke of half-time it looked like Ludovic Giuly would double his side's lead when he latched on to a Deco through ball, ran through on goal and skipped past Celtic keeper Marshall.

As the Barcelona striker pulled the trigger to slot the ball home Bobo Balde appeared from nowhere to make a fantastic sliding block to keep Celtic in the tie.

Alan Thompson then got a sight of goal in first-half injury time when Camara played the ball inside. The Englishman seemed to be clear through on goal but with Carlos Puyol closing in he was forced to rush his shot and Valdes saved low to his right.

Chris Sutton replaced Juninho at half-time and but at first the change did little to change the flow of the game and on 54 minutes Ronaldinho had a chance to finish the game when his side were awarded a penalty.

Deco and Ronaldinho combined to put Giuly through on goal but McNamara's crude challenge on the striker gave German referee Merk Markus no option but to point to the spot and book the Celtic captain.

Ronaldinho stepped up and fired the ball to Marshall's left but the young keeper made a magnificent one-handed save to keep his side in the game.

And four minutes later the Brazilian's efforts were rewarded. Camara, who had moved to the right to accommodate Sutton, collected the ball mid-way in the Barcelona half, scampered down the wing and fired in a first time cross.

Sutton was unmarked six yards out and he rifled a shot into the roof of the net to level the game.

Frank Rijkaard sensed that a change was needed and on 61 minutes sent on Parkhead legend Larsson for Ronaldinho.

But the goal seemed to unsettle Barcelona and the home side suddenly sensed they could perhaps snatch a winner and for the first time in the game started to push the visitors back.

On 67 minutes Camara played the ball to Stilian Petrov who flicked it up before volleying in a fierce left-foot drive which Valdes acrobatically tipped over.

Celtic looked the more likely side to grab a second but on 78 minutes it was the visitors who again took the lead. Belletti found room on the right and centred for Giuly and his shot from 20 yards beat Marshall to put the Spanish side in front.

McNamara was stretchered off after appearing to fall awkwardly in the lead up to the goal and was replaced by Momo Sylla.

And on 82 minutes the inevitable happened when Larsson latched on to a short back pass from Thompson, touched the ball past Marshall and fired into the empty net to hand Celtic their first ever home defeat in the Champions League.

Russian GM

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Sports Council for different coaching programmes. The BCF will pay the Russian coach from this fund.

The female members of the team are being trained by International Master Enamul Hossain Rajib but soon, the local FIDE Masters will take over.

TEAM: Grand Master Ziaur Rahman, Grand Master Niaz Murshed, International Master Reefat Bin Sattar, IM Abdullah Al Rakib, IM Enamul Hossain Rajib, Sheikh Nasir Ahmed, IWM Rani Hamid, Shabana Parveen Nipa, Zakia Sultana and Nazrana Khan Eva.

Mahmud

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None of the team officials including selector Athar Ali Khan, who has been keeping distance with the Bangladeshi media for unknown reasons, was unavailable for comments, even over telephone.

BANGLADESH-WI SCOREBOARD

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Mahmud not out	34
Baisya c sub (R Hinds) b Gayle	8
Nazmul c Bravo b Gayle	4
Extras: (lb-2, w-8)	10
Total: (All out in 39.3 overs)	131

Fall of wickets: 1-13, 2-15, 3-23, 4-24, 5-26, 6-71, 7-71, 8-94, 9-105

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Dillon	10	4	29	5
Bradshaw	10	2	25	1
Sammy	6	0	19	1
Bravo	9	0	44	1
Gayle	4.3	0	12	2

Result: West Indies won by 138 runs.
Man-of-the-match: Chris Gayle.
Toss: Bangladesh.
Umpires: Jeremy Lloyds (England) and Aleem Dar (Pakistan).

Sachin

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President's XI against Australia in their tour game, Leipus had his doubts.

"Usually he doesn't bother to play in side games, but since he has been out of practice, he might have thought about giving himself a try in that game and made himself available. But I wouldn't think he would be playing that game."

Meanwhile Leipus told reporters at Edgbaston on Tuesday that Tendulkar was making progress.

"I spoke to him this (Tuesday) morning. He's still in London receiving specialist treatment. He's feeling greater strength in the elbow but there's still a bit of discomfort."

Leipus, describing the treatment, said: "In basic language it is like a shock treatment, an ultra-sound shock treatment where a large ultra-sound force has gone through the tissues, shakes things up and stimulates the healing process. At the same time he is getting much needed rest.

"He's got one more treatment left and then he'll make his way back to Bombay," explained Leipus who said he had consulted fellow Australian Chris Bradshaw, the doctor of London-based Premiership football side Fulham.

After Bangalore, the remaining three Tests will be played in Madras (October 14-18), Nagpur (Oct 26-30) and Bombay (November 3-7).

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Throw into the mix
4 Type of nose
9 Despondent
12 Floral wreath
13 Bowl over
14 Former first daughter
15 Clinging strongly
17 "Holy cow!"
18 Trench
19 Leave helpless
21 Warning
24 A Baldwin
25 Past
26 Started
28 Proclamation
31 This follows "Que" twice
33 Flop
35 Acidic
36 Tract of wasteland
38 Head of st.
40 Where, to Caesar
41 Beatnik's "groovy"
43 Disturbing sounds
45 With hands on hips
47 First X or O?
48 Writer Buscaglia
49 Insolent
54 Wildebeest
55 "Father, —, repeat"
56 Put to work
57 Foolish one
58 Trees yielding a yellow-brown wood
59 Uncivilized

DOWN
1 Ht.
2 Billy — Williams
3 "Gunga —"
4 Relating to a people
5 Left out
6 Name in China's history
7 California city
8 Get snug and cozy
9 Wise
10 Congratulational shout
11 Went blond
16 Mimic
20 Cincinnati ball team
21 Method of payment
22 Screenwriter James
23 Insatiable
27 Used a shovel
29 Rubik's baffler.
30 Speaker of baseball lore
32 Teensy bit
34 "I'd rather not talk about it"
37 Capital of Tasmania
39 Tenor and alto
42 Comedian Anderson
44 Here (Fr.)
45 Plankton component
46 Writer Kesey and others
50 It may be recombinant
51 "— Town"
52 Dos Passos trilogy
53 Wield a needle

Solution time: 24 mins.

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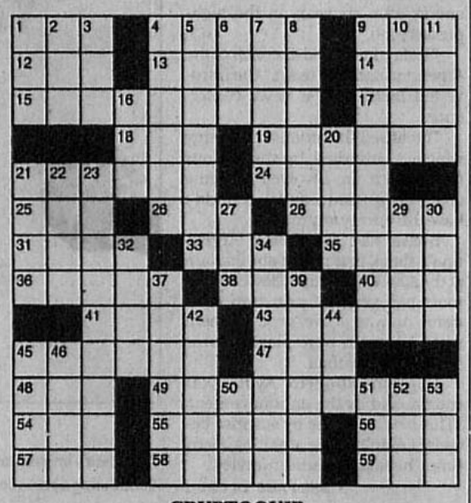

CRYPTOQUIP

S V TIKWW FDZFWN VZDSL IKGNT ARD MNPRIN CKBA, S ZNPGRB ARD IDTL MN FWDI PZKCA!

Saturday's Cryptoquip: CERTAIN BIRDS BUILD CLIFFSIDE NESTS. IT MUST MEAN THEY LOVE LIVING ON THE EDGE.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: W equals L

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.