NO ELECTRONIC TIMERS YET

Nat'l swimming from today

SPORTS REPORTER

The Mercantile Bank 23rd National Swimming Championships begin today at the National Swimming Complex in Mirpur with the organisers promising electronic timekeeping device for the swimmers in 'near future'.

The two leading Olympic disciplines like athletics and swimming have long been denied off one of the most important facilities of the games as local sportsmen suffer in the international arena.

"We have been talking with Korea with the Bangladesh Olympic Association and the National Sports Council guiding us to get electronic timers. We hope to install the timers in near future and hope that the swimmers would be able to compete with those facilities in a coming meeting," told Bangladesh Swimming Federation's (BSF) newly elected general secretary Mahbubur Rahman Shahin at a press conference yesterday.

Shahin added that the 11-day old committee has also taken steps to go for talent hunting in all districts and will start long-term training soon.

A total of 348 swimmers including 77 females from 29 associations and services will compete in 38 events. There would be 19 events each for men and women apart from three diving and one water polo events. All the swimmers will be accommodated at the Mirpur Krira Pally at the adjacent Sher-e-Bangla Stadium as the federation has got the nod from the Bangladesh Cricket Board.

Mercantile Bank will provide Tk 10 lakh out of the total Tk 11-lakh budget.

Dewan Mujibur Rahman, MD and CEO of the bank, informed that they will also provide individual rewards for the best male and female swimmers (Tk 20,000 each) and the emerging male and female swimmers (Tk 10,000 each).

Commandant of National Defence College Lt Gen M Aminul Karim will declare the four-day meet open.

PHOTO: STAR

Chittagong Mohammedan goalkeeper Mamun Khan stops an effort by Arambagh striker Anwar (L) during their Citycell B. League match at the MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong yesterday.

Symonds back for Australia

Cricket

AFP, *Sydney*

Errant allrounder Andrew Symonds has returned to the Australian team, ending his forced exile, Cricket Australia said Monday.

Symonds was included in an Australian team for an exhibition Twenty20 match against an all-star side in Brisbane on Friday.

Cricket Australia (CA) chief executive James Sutherland said Symonds, punished for missing a team meeting during the Bangladesh one-day series to go fishing in Darwin in August, had done what was necessary off the field to earn his way back.

"He has made significant progress during his enforced lay-off and we are happy that he is now available to be selected for Australia again," Sutherland said in a statement.

"When he is up and firing, he is one of the very best players in the world and I'm delighted that he will play in the All-Star Twenty20 match and wish him well."

Asked by reporters if he was on his last chance, Symonds said: "I would have thought so - if I make another mistake, it's not going to be a pretty ending and I realise that.

"I've got to be careful, but at the same time I've still got to be the player and person (who) plays my best cricket."

Chairman of selectors Andrew Hilditch said he was advised by CA last week to consider Symonds for selection.

"CA advised that Andrew had completed the welfare process he has been undertaking over recent times and it was with great pleasure that we were able to select him for this game," Hilditch said.

Australian captain Ricky Ponting, along with pacemen Brett Lee, Mitchell Johnson and Stuart Clark will be rested from the game.

Express fast bowler Shaun Tait was also named in the Australian team, the first step back towards international cricket for the South Australian after he took a break from the sport in January citing stress and exhaustion.

Former Australian wicketkeeper Adam Gilchrist will lead the All-Stars, whose squad includes former Australian opener Justin Langer.

The Australian team (from): Michael Clarke (captain), Michael Hussey, Brett Geeves, Brad Haddin, Matthew Hayden, David Hussey, Shaun Marsh, Peter Siddle, Andrew Symonds, Shaun Tait, Shane Watson, Cameron White.

Ctg MSC climb up

SPORTS REPORTER

Chittagong Mohammedan maintained their unbeaten home run to move to the third place in the Citycell B. league table with a 1-0 victory against visiting Arambagh at the MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong yesterday.

Guinean striker Raphael Sagno's 63rd minute strike ensured the Chittagong Black and Whites' third win in eight matches to take their tally to 13 points, two behind leaders and defending champions Abahani and one point adrift of Sheikh Russel.

It was Sagno's third goal in the league that sunk Arambagh, who stuck to third from bottom with six points from eight outings.

Rajib stays undefeated

SPORTS REPORTER

Enamul Hossain Rajib finished the 12th Bavarian Open International Chess Championship unbeaten and just one point behind champion Edouard Romain, a Grandmaster of France.

Rajib, the youngest Bangladeshi GM, defeated local player Pirrot Dieter in the ninth and final round of the meet at Bad Wiessee in Germany on Sunday. He won five matches and drew four to end with seven points.

LOCAL SNIPPETS

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh will send a 15-member team to the 38th Chess Olympiad which starts in Dresden, Germany on Thursday. The team will include ten players, coach GM Igor Rausis and four officials.

GM Enamul Islam Rajib is already in Germany while the coach will join the team in Dresden. The 12 members of the team will leave Dhaka this morning.

The players: GM Ziaur Rahman, GM Enamul Hossain Rajib, GM Abdullah Al Rakib, FM Abu Sufian Shakil, FM Minhajuddin Ahmed Sagar (men's team) and IWM Rani Hamid, WFM Shamima Akhter, Nazrana Khan, WFM Syeda Shabana Parveen and WFM Tanima Parveen.

CRICKET

Shariatpur (135-9) snatched an exciting one-wicket victory over Gopalganj (129) in the 29th National Cricket Championship yesterday at the Faridpur Stadium.

In other matches of the limited-overs competition, Moulvibazar (176) defeated Sylhet (154) by 22 runs, Rangpur (165-6) beat Chapainawabganj (164) by four wickets and Jamalpur (94) Tangail (63) by 31 runs.

TENNIS

Bangladesh were tied 1-1 with Pakistan after both sides won a singles match on the opening day of the First Junior South Asian Tennis Championship at the Ramna Tennis Complex yesterday. Omar Faruk beat Pakistan's Faizan Khurram 6-2, 6-1 but Mofazzal Hossain lost to visiting Heera Ashiq 1-6, 3-6. Sri Lanka were 2-0 ahead against Nepal after the morning matches.

DIV I HOCKEY

Farashganj defeated Victoria by a solitary goal in the Green Delta First Division League at the Maulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium with Jasim Uddin scoring the lone goal on the half hour.

DIV II FOOTBALL

Euro Famous and Kadamtala Sangsad recorded identical 1-0 wins in the 2nd Division Football League at the Birshreshtha Mostafa Kamal Stadium in Kamalapur.

Mamun scored in Euro Famous's win over BG Press while Kadamtala Sangsad rode on Sohag's strike to beat Gazirchot SC.

Concerts for football

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) is looking forward to raise Tk two crore for its youth development fund by organising concerts across the country.

The game's governing body in the country signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Antar Showbiz at the BFF Bhaban yesterday.

According to the deal, BFF and Antar are going to organise concerts in all the districts in Bangladesh for development fund.

The first concert will be held at the MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong on November 27 and the project is expected to run till April 14, 2009, the first day of the Bengali New Year. The two organisations have fixed that the concerts, with participation of the country's top bands and solo artists, will be held on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

The BFF will get 60 percent of the profit from this project, the organisers announced at a press conference after the signing ceremony.

"We will try our best to make this programme successful in all the 64 districts. If we get help of all the concerned people, we hope to raise Tk 2 crore for BFF," said Anta Showbiz chairman Swapan Chowdhury.

"Antar Showbiz is a pioneer event management company in Bangladesh and it will try to get all the hit singers on fund raising concerts," Swapan promised.

"For the vision to develop footballers from the grassroots, the BFF has already launched an under-18 training programme. We have got 30 players now. If we can find more 200 in near future, it would be a great achievement for domestic football," told BFF president Kazi Salahuddin.

"As we like to continue that, we need fund which we do not have at the moment. This is why we are going for these concerts," the BFF chief said.

"Whatever fund we raise, it would be invested in youth development and we want to start from under-12 level," Salahuddin added.

BFF vice-presidents Manzoor Hossain Malu, Kazi Nabil Ahmed and Shawkat Ali Khan Jahangir and members Anwarul Haque Helal and Golam Rabbani Helal were also present.

Jahurul, Faisal sparkle

SPORTS REPORTER

Centuries continued to flow in the fifth round matches of the 10th National Cricket League with Rajshahi opener Jahurul Islam and Chittagong middle-order batsman Faisal Hossain yesterday joining Tushar Imran and Nasiruddin Faruque who had celebrated their tons on the opening day of the four-day matches.

Jahurul and Faisal both swung the matches their ways from the oppositions as Rajshahi and Chittagong at close of second day, having ensured handsome first-innings lead, took firm control.

Barisal were also in the driving seat against Dhaka despite Faruque failing to add much to his overnight century.

KHULNA-RAJSHAHI

Jahurul struck 130 off 252 deliveries as visiting Rajshahi, overnight 36-1 in reply to reigning champions Khulna's 229 all out, raced to 303 for five at the Khulna Divisional Stadium.

Jahurul shared in two hundred partnerships, 116 for the second wicket with Farhad Hossain (51 off 129 balls) and a further 126 with captain Anisur Rahman (67 off 149 balls), during his nearly six-hour effort. He cracked 16 fours and a six before finally giving a return catch to spinner Murad Khan.

Rajshahi, with Sohrawardy Shuvo (30) and Khaled Mashud (8) at the crease, will look to a big lead to press on the home side.

CHITTAGONG-SYLHET

At the Chittagong Divisional Stadium, the home side banked on Faisal's 129 to get within sight of bowling out Sylhet cheaply.

Resuming on 85, the Chittagong left-hander made 129 in their first-innings total of 293 before becoming touring left-arm spinner Nabil Samad's eighth scalp of the innings.

Faisal, who enjoyed the time with 21 boundaries in 267 balls, was the last man out as Chittagong added 68 runs to their overnight 225-5.

Nabil, who dismissed four batsmen in the morning, finished with 8-69 from 38.5 overs.

Since losing both their openers on 12, Sylhet never recovered and slipped to 195-9 at stumps with Saikat Ali (40) and Rajin Saleh (43) giving the total some respectability.

BARISAL-DHAKA

A fiery spell by Talha Jubair (4-30) and adequate support from his new ball partner Sajedul Islam (2-27) blew away Dhaka at the Shaheed Chandu Stadium in Bogra.

Chasing Barisal's first-innings total of 274, Dhaka skittled out for 116 with Marshall Ayub top-scoring 31.

Barisal, who lost six wickets in the morning for 44 runs, were 38-1 in their second innings at close of play. Nasiruddin, who made 109 in the first innings after resuming the day on 106, was batting on 21.

SCORES IN BRIEF

BARISAL: 274 all out in 110 overs (Rony 13, Faruque 109, Shahin 14, Imran 54, Nasir 25, Raisul 39, Sajedul 15; Al-Hamim 2-66, Ashraful 1-39, Elias 5-63, Nazmul 1-14, Mahmud 1-41) and 38-1 (Rony 12, Faruque 21*, Tariqul 0*; Ashraful 1-18, Nazmul 1-4).

DHAKA: First innings 116 all out in 45.2 overs (Javed 11, Ayub 31, Anwar 18, Nadif 27*; Sajedul 2-27, Talha 4-30, Tariqul 1-33, Saju 1-8).

KHULNA: First innings 229.

RAJSHAHI: First innings 303-5 in 104 overs (Jahurul 130, Farhad 51, Anisur 67, Shuvo 30*, Mashud 8*; Zia 2-51, Dollar 1-73, Murad 1-79, Salim 1-4).

CHITTAGONG: First innings 293 all out in 115.5 overs (Salahuddin 50, Nafis 23, Mahmudul 12, Tariq 0, Faisal 129, Mintu 31, Karim 31; Roy 1-37, Rasel 1-79, Nabil 8-69).

SYLHET: First innings 195-9 in 64 overs (Saikat 40, Mithun 18, Rajin 43, Ezaz 22, Rashedur 29; Tareq 1-31, Kamrul 1-27, Younus 2-42, Raihan 2-52, Tariq 1-29).

Hello, Lord's to farewell, lads

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book, "and in particular me. It worked to a certain extent."

DOING THE HQ

Indians, not the least Bengalis, are supposed to be studious, meek, wristy, oriental artists. They are not supposed to make opposition captains wait at the toss, make fielders tie their shoelaces and, worst of all, sledge. There the Indian captain is, at Lord's, no less, waving the shirt he wore a moment ago, shouting four-letter words again and again. With Ganguly, India's aggression goes naked, one of the turning points in the nation's cricketing history.

SURVIVING THE GABBATOIR

He sweeps Stuart MacGill just wide of fine leg, runs very hard to convert what is for him an easy one into two, leaps twice in elation, almost trips over, pumps the air, holds his arms aloft and, without uttering a word tells every Australian that he enjoyed the "sweet chin music". This is the Gabba, and the year is 2003. Not only the Australian team, the whole nation, it seems, is after him, and this is test of the captain's mettle. The innings has it all - urgency, emotion, disdain - and sets the pace for the series.

REFUSAL TO DIE

Only about a couple of hundred have come to watch him play a Duleep Trophy match in Rajkot. The email has already been leaked, his integrity questioned. On the surface he has been left out on fitness grounds, but the writing is on the wall. The North Zone attack - VRV Singh, Gagandeep Singh, Amit Mishra and Sarandeep Singh - does not sound intimidating, but on a greenish Rajtok track they are a handful. He comes in to bat on the second day, his team struggling at 54 for 3, and then at 59 for 4. In the short period before stumps, he is hit on the head by VRV. A different Ganguly appears the next day: he is sure, and he is aggressive. He plays all his shots, including the one where he makes room and slashes over point, a shot he usually employed in one-dayers. By the time he finished he had scored 117 off 143, and sent across the message that he should be playing somewhere else.

ONE FOR HIMSELF

The one word that describes the Ganguly who has made a comeback to the Indian side is serene. Almost monk-like, he goes about his business - fields mostly at the fine-leg boundary, bowls a few overs, and bats with utmost calm. No more shirt flinging, no more nail biting on the field. His last century, in Mohali, is one such effort. A century is almost inevitable from the moment he joins Sachin Tendulkar at the crease. Upon reaching the landmark, he doesn't react extravagantly, despite the drama behind his comeback to the side, he just smiles to himself, pumps the air, and gets on with it.

'JUST ONE LAST THING LADS'

Does he choke for a brief second? After he says "Just one last thing lads" and before he drops the bomb. He does pause, for sure. Is he collecting himself? Does he wait to make sure words will come out? Once he has said what he has said, you are too stunned to think what has happened in that split-second. "Before I leave, I just want to say that this is going to be my last series. I've decided to quit. I told my team-mates before coming here." And the lads don't have a word to say. They look at him, they look at each other, they look down. The announcement is all Ganguly: he comes in late for the press conference, he is mildly humorous, takes all questions in good spirit, and waits for the media coordinator to end the conference before catching everyone off guard.

Press slam Punter

Cricket

AFP, *Sydney*

Australian press Monday criticised Ricky Ponting for worrying more about his own threatened suspension than his team's chances of levelling the Border-Gavaskar Trophy series against India.

Cricket writers and commentators were stunned by what they saw as his efforts to improve Australia's sluggish over rate rather than going for broke to try and win the vital Nagpur Test.

India lead 1-0 in the series and a draw in the fourth and final Test would enable the hosts to regain the trophy from Australia.

The visitors were 13 without loss at stumps on Sunday chasing an unlikely 382 to win.

Reports said Ponting eased the pressure on India when he pressed part-time slow bowlers Michael Hussey and Michael Clarke into the attack in the final session of the fourth day's play, apparently to make up for a slow over rate.

Under International Cricket Council regulations, a captain can face a ban for his team's slow over-rate.

One writer described it as Ponting's worst day as national captain.

"Ricky Ponting had every reason to hang his head in shame after allowing India to escape the noose in the crunch fourth Test," The Daily Telegraph's Jon Pierik said.

"In his most embarrassing moment in his 48th Test as Test captain in five years in charge, Ponting opted to worry more about improving Australia's sluggish over rate than going for broke to try and snare a must-win match when a result was clearly on the line.

"Ponting -- amazingly -- was more concerned about being suspended for next week's first Test against cricketing backwater New Zealand at the Gabba."

The Australian's Malcolm Conn wrote: "In what must surely be Ricky Ponting's worst day as national captain he may have cost Australia the Border-Gavaskar Trophy by attempting to save himself from suspension."

In the television commentary box at the ground, Allan Border, the former Australian captain whose name adorns the trophy, was incredulous.

Ponting defends decision

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not say that's the case. Nine overs to me is totally unacceptable. So, there's a lesson in it for everyone."

India eventually succeeded in setting a tough 382-run target for Australia, who were bowled out for 209 to lose the series 2-0. The two other matches were drawn.

Cricket Australia chief executive James Sutherland said Monday he will seek an explanation from Ponting over his much-criticised bowling tactics in the final Test, after the captain received a lashing from the Australian media.

But Ponting remained defiant.

"I'm a little bit disappointed with some of the criticism, particularly from former Australian captains," he said.

"I had Jason Krejza bowling at one end and Cameron White, who had been the number one spinner in the first three Tests, operating from the other for a couple of overs. That didn't work out the way I'd have liked.

"In the situation when we were nine overs behind, as captain of the Australian team I feel I have a lot of responsibility to play the game in the right spirit. I have an obligation to try to bowl 90 overs in the day."

Ponting conceded India played better cricket throughout the series.

"This tour we have just been outplayed. India have been better than us in every aspect of the game. When we are outplayed I'll always be the first to say we have been," said the Australian captain.

"Coming here on the third morning, I was really positive but India adopted a certain style of play (defensive field placings) that made it very difficult for us and then chasing 382 today was exceptionally difficult."

Ponting was all praise for debutant off-spinner Krejza, who finished the match with 12 wickets.

"For someone to take 12 wickets on debut is a magnificent achievement. He has worked exceptionally hard," said Ponting.

"He has been waiting for an opportunity and it presented itself in this last Test and he has stood up to be counted probably more than anybody else has in the whole series with his one opportunity."

Krejza, 25, was named man of the match.

India win series

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Sehwag for a six.

Brad Haddin (four) soon followed Hayden, giving Sachin Tendulkar his 100th Test catch at mid-on while attempting a big shot off Mishra.

Harbhajan sparked celebrations in the Indian camp when he trapped last-man Mitchell Johnson leg-before.

SCOREBOARD

Complete scoreboard on the fifth and final day of the fourth and final Test between India and Australia in Nagpur on Monday:

INDIA: First innings 441 (Tendulkar 109, Ganguly 85; Krejza 8-215)

AUSTRALIA: First innings 355 (Katich 102, Hussey 90; Harbhajan 3-94)

INDIA: Second innings 295 (Sehwag 92; Watson 4-42, Krejza 4-143)

AUSTRALIA: Second innings (overnight 13-0)

Hayden lbw b Harbhajan	77
Katich c Dhoni b Sharma	16
Ponting run out	8
Clarke c Dhoni b Sharma	22
Hussey c Dravid b Mishra	19
Watson c Dhoni b Harbhajan	9
Haddin c Tendulkar b Mishra	4
White not out	26
Krejza st Dhoni b Mishra	4
Lee c Vijay b Harbhajan	0
Johnson lbw b Harbhajan	11
Extras: (b-6, lb-1, nb-2, w-4)	13
Total: (All out in 50.2 overs)	209

Fall of wickets: 1-29, 2-37, 3-82, 4-150, 5-154, 6-161, 7-178, 8-190, 9-191.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Zaheer	8	0	57	0
Sharma	9	0	31	2
Harbhajan	18.2	2	64	4
Sehwag	4	0	23	0
Mishra	11	2	27	3

Result: India won by 172 runs and clinched four-Test series 2-0.

Man-of-the-match: Jason Krejza.

Man-of-the-series: Ishant Sharma.

Bangladesh

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are concentrating on the young players also due to injury," said Myanmar coach Falopa.

"This time we have introduced many U-21 players and made four changes from the previous squad. We have seen that Bangladesh are growing day by day with good management in football and we enjoyed our match in the Merdeka Cup last month. So it won't be easier for us tomorrow," the Brazilian coach added.

The other group involves Malaysia, Korean club Hyundai and this year's Merdeka Cup champions Vietnam U-23s.

The winners will receive US$ 15,000 and runners-up US$ 7,500 as prize money.

Bangladesh probable 11: Aminul, Ariful, Saikat, Sujan, Rajani, Waly Faisal, Arman Aziz, Sharif/Zahid, Matiur Munna, Emily, Alfaz/Robin.

Captaincy is a spark

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"Captaincy is a spark, it's not just preparation or the homework, it's about the spark on the field, which MS [Dhoni] has," Ganguly said. "He's got that extra bit of luck which you require in captaincy. I have never believed too much in the drawing board. I see a lot of that in MS Dhoni. He doesn't believe much in team meetings and all. He just does what he sees on the field. He will be tested when India goes overseas and I'm sure he will live up to it."

There was a lovely moment during the final passage of the Nagpur Test when Dhoni handed over the captaincy to Ganguly for some time. It was a magnificent gesture and fittingly, it was exactly eight years to the day since Ganguly had begun his tenure as captain in 2005.

"I didn't expect MS to ask me to captain the side for five overs," Ganguly said. "I was already switched off, so he woke me up. I didn't know what was happening the first six seven balls. Luckily they were nine down so I managed to do it for three and then said it's his job, not mine any more."

Ganguly had been under tremendous scrutiny before the start of this series and his place in the squad was uncertain after he was left out of the Rest of India squad for the Irani Trophy. However, he was named in the 15-man squad and he announced his retirement before the series began. Ganguly made valuable contributions during his final series, steering India to safety in Bangalore, scoring a century in Mohali, and 85 in the first innings of the Nagpur Test. He finished the series with 324 runs at an average of 54 and India regained the Border-Gavaskar Trophy.

"We've beaten the best team in the world 2-0," he said. "I've played well, the team's played well. There were lot of doubts after we came back from Sri Lanka. The way this Test match finished ... it's probably one of the best finishes I've seen in terms of a team performance. I want to cherish this for a long period. I could easily sacrifice ten to 12 Tests for this."

When asked which of the numerous series that he's been involved in was the most memorable, Ganguly thought for a moment before picking out two of India's best moments in this century: the 2000-01 home victory against Australia and the drawn series in Australia in 2003-04.

Was he disappointed with his first-ball duck his final innings? "I was disappointed with the 85 I got," Ganguly said. "I was so close to getting a hundred. That was more disappointing than the first-ball duck."

Ganguly left a Test venue as an Indian cricketer for the final time on the shoulders of Harbhajan Singh and VVS Laxman but the dramatic scenes that played out after Kumble's announcement in Delhi were absent. "This is my time to leave," he said, and he went quietly.

PHOTO: STAR

BFF president Kazi Salahuddin shakes hands with Antar Showbiz chairman Swapan Chowdhury (second from left) after signing an MoU at the BFF Bhaban yesterday.

Smith angers

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are saying against them. We believe in ourselves because we know what was our plan was. Our plan didn't ultimately work because we lost a few quick wickets that's it," he added.

Tamim also believes that it's possible for them to chase down that big total.

"Nothing is impossible in cricket," said a confident Tamim.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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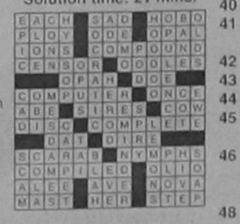

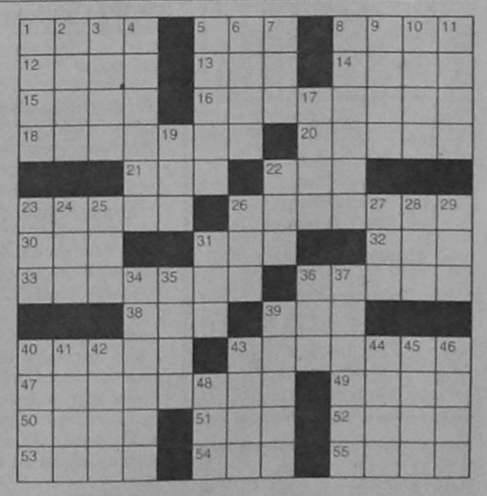

CRYPTOQUIP

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Today's Cryptoquip: WHAT COULD YOU CALL A GRASSY YARD IN WHICH THINGS SEEM TO PERPETUALLY GO WRONG? MURPHY'S LAWN.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: M equals S