

TV PICKS

NBA: Sony ESPN (SD & HD), 5.30 a.m. South Africa vs Sri Lanka: 1st T20I, Sony Ten 3 (SD & HD), 9.30 p.m.

IN BRIEF



Rory McIlroy secures 15th PGA Tour title WASHINGTON Rory McIlroy pocketed his 15th PGA Tour title by winning The Players tournament, carding two under 70 here on Sunday...

Embiid takes 76ers into playoffs LOS ANGELES Joel Embiid scored 40 points and 15 rebounds as Philadelphia 76ers overcame Giannis Antetokounmpo's career-high 52 points to beat Milwaukee Bucks 130-125 and clinch a playoff berth on Sunday.

Sable sets new steeplechase mark

Arokia Rajiv bests Muhammed Anas in 400m; disappointment for Dutee and Hima



Remarkable effort: Avinash Sable, right, on his way to breaching the 8 minutes, 29 seconds barrier in the steeplechase on Monday. *SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

FEDERATION CUP

UTHRA GANESAN PATIALA For 37 long years, Gopal Saini's 3000m steeplechase National record stood tall. Now, it has been broken twice in less than a year...

Gopi qualifies for Worlds

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI India's Asian marathon champion Gopi Thonakal has qualified for the World athletics championships to be held in Doha in September-October after finishing 11th in the Seoul International Marathon.



Gopi Thonakal. *PTI His earlier best was 2:15:16 last year.

Papic, India's foreign coach

TABLE TENNIS K. KEERTHIVASAN CHENNAI Table Tennis Federation of India has appointed, in principle, Dejan Papic of Canada as the coach of the Indian men's and women's teams.

Glenn Tepper, former Deputy CEO of ITTF and Massimo Costantini, India's previous coach. "We are happy to appoint Papic as the coach, and are very confident that he will deliver good results..."

Tips from Bolt do the trick for Jamaican sprinters

Jitendra Singh and Herojit Singh bag golds

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

STAN RAYAN DUBAI O'Brian McFarlane and DaeShawn Green had the world's biggest star advising and motivating them just before they left for Dubai for the Special Olympics World Games.



Following the GOAT: Jamaican sprinters O'Brian McFarlane, left and DaeShawn Green, who won the men's 200m gold in different categories. *STAN RAYAN

more he talks to me, the more I feel inspired. Home has always been close to Bolt's heart and once he donated \$1.3 million to the William Knibb Memorial School, his alma mater...

200m World record tough to beat He thinks it will be a long time before another Bolt shows up and that the Jamaican superstar's 200m World record will stay a lot longer than his 100m mark.

Thiem stuns Federer

Andreescu gets the better of Kerber

INDIAN WELLS

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE INDIAN WELLS Dominic Thiem denied Roger Federer a record sixth Indian Wells title, winning 3-6, 6-3, 7-5 on Sunday to claim his first ATP Masters 1000 crown.

sharply-angled passing winners to give himself a breakpoint which he converted with a forehand winner. He sealed the match after two hours and two minutes when Federer's backhand found the net...

Gritty win Canadian sensation Bianca Andreescu became the first wild-card to win the title at Indian Wells with a 6-4, 3-6, 6-4

Who is Bianca Andreescu?

Age: 18 Birthplace: Mississauga, Ontario, Canada Plays: Right-handed Turned Pro: 2017 WTA Titles: 1 Win/Loss record: 117/46 CAREER HIGHLIGHTS Winner: Indian Wells, 2019 Finalist: Auckland, 2019



The Indian Wells triumph catapulted her to 24 in the latest WTA rankings, a jump of 36 spots from the previous week

victory over Wimbledon champion Angelique Kerber. Andreescu, 18, toppled the eighth-ranked German, who hasn't won a title since she beat Serena Williams in last year's Wimbledon final.

Messi hat-trick blows away Real Betis

Rodriguez does the same for Bayern against Mainz

EURO LEAGUES

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE MADRID Even the Real Betis fans were applauding by the end as Lionel Messi scored another spectacular hat-trick to fire Barcelona to a 4-1 victory on Sunday and leave it with one hand on the La Liga trophy.

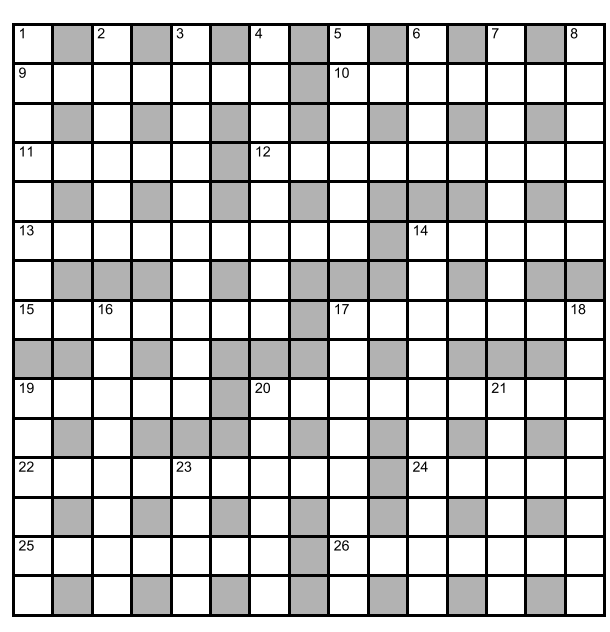
to a footnote, in what became another night all about his Argentinian partner. Messi now has 29 league goals this season, 39 in all competitions...



As easy as that: Lionel Messi did what he does best, score by the bucketful, this time against Real Betis. *REUTERS

ians back to the top. The results: La Liga: Villarreal 3 (Toko Ekambi 50, 52, Gerard 88) bt Rayo Vallecano 1 (Mario Suarez 20); Valencia 0 drew with Getafe 0; Real Betis 1 (Moron 82) lost to Barcelona 4 (Messi 18, 45+2, 85, Suarez 63).

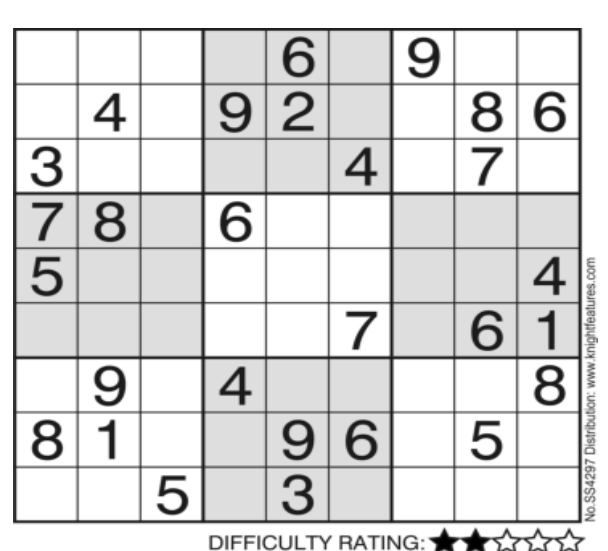
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- 14 Echoing prayer, receiver of ashes to feel sadness (5) 15 Nothing venerable about American subject (7) 17 Counsel is most comfortable with name-dropping (7) 19 Knocked back magnificent drink (5) 20 Sort of curry to seek in earnest (3,3,3) 22 Special destructive avatar is of a goddess (9) 24 Do one's best every second in charge (5) 25 Island is turning into hint of very pale colour (3-4) 26 Undo knots bound by handcuffs, irons primarily (7) 4 Capital font we're developing (8) 5 Costanza perhaps earthy, right revolting example (6) 6 Way to pronounce serum (4) 7 Delight in unspoiled grassy lands (8) 8 Complete agreement in how dune gets to be done (6) 14 Summon up a cast showcasing grand work of art (6,4) 16 Attorney-General engaged in changes, changes that are unexpected (8) 17 Case of kitty sneaking through small window (8) 18 Take flight off Turin, Italy crossing borders (4,4) 19 Look rigid taking one's snap (4,2) 20 Alpine accommodation is robust in cold temperature (6) 21 Remains doubly stoic at first during defeat (6) 23 Pressure is solid in ball game for one (4)

- ACROSS 9 Short-tail on Australian native bird (7) 10 Mutation of clone embodying male group at a level (7) 11 North-eastern close ally? (5) 12 Childhood years lady recollected (5,4) 13 Stop agreeing so much and shut up (3,2,4) DOWN 1 Soaks up noise surrounding skating courses (6,2) 2 Toe the line and act out in a dense manner (6) 3 Demanding task rounding up chartered roll at airport (1,4,5)

SUDOKU



- Solution to puzzle 12576 Solution to yesterday's Sudoku TOPEKA ELECTRON AEOULUS FORENSIC SNORKING ASPIRE AGLTECEL CAUSECELEBRETT ES G O E H A S L N R T I C T U G A N D A N I S E T T M E N W A T E T T O N M A D R I G A L S A C R E D E A C B N E T D O U G H N U T S T U D I O

FAITH

A saga of sacrifice

Sekkizhar highlights the extent of devotion, sacrifice and life of penance of Tilakavathiyar and the manner in which Divine Will guides her in the role she plays as elder sister and preceptor to Tirunavukkarasar, pointed out Sri B. Damodhara Dikshitar in a discourse. Tilakavathiyar is betrothed to one Kalipakkaiyar, employed in the army. Unfortunately, before the marriage could take place, her parents die one after another.