

# Protest, Chinese fashion

BEIJING, Sept 27: Chinese athletes will participate in the Asian Games, but a top leader on Tuesday cancelled his visit to protest the attendance of a Taiwanese Vice Premier, reports AP.

After weeks of threatening a boycott if Taiwan's Nationalist government is represented at the Asian Games next month, the Foreign Ministry announced that Li Tieying, state councillor and Minister for Economic Restructuring, would not attend the Games in

Hiroshima, Japan as planned. Earlier, at the United Nations, Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qichen assured his Japanese counterpart, Yohei Kono, that Chinese athletes would compete in the Games beginning Oct. 2.

China had threatened to boycott the Games because of the attendance by Taiwan Vice Premier Hsu Li-teh. China considers Taiwan a renegade province and regards with alarm its mounting diplomatic efforts for international acceptance.

Taiwanese President Lee Teng-hui originally was invited by the Olympic Committee of Asia to attend the Games, but the invitation was retracted under pressure from Beijing.

Taiwan's Nationalist government retreated to the island province in 1949 after being defeated by the Communists on the mainland in a civil war. Both governments, however, still claim to be the legitimate rulers of all of China, and Beijing protests vigorously any move by other governments that could be interpreted as recognition of the Nationalists.

The Foreign Ministry announcement, carried by the official Xinhua News Agency, lashed out at both Taiwan and Japan for creating the Asian Games problem.

"The Taiwan authorities are

the makers of the political troubles for the coming Asian Games," the statement said. It called the dispute "a political plot masterminded by the Taiwan authorities in the field of sports."

"The Japanese government has an unshrinkable responsibility for today's complicated situation." By agreeing to allow Hsu into the country, Japan "has undoubtedly violated the principles" on which its relations with China are based, the statement said.

Japan's Foreign Ministry spokesman at the United Nations, Takeshi Nakane, said of the Qian-Kono meeting, "The Japanese side said Japan does not intend to undermine Japan-China relations and assured China that there would be no Japanese government contacts with Hsu."

Hsu has said he plans to promote Taiwan's bid to stage the Asian Games, the region's premier sporting event, in 2002.

The Chinese Foreign Ministry called the move "detrimental to the great cause of national reunification... unpopular and bound to be rejected and condemned by all Chinese people across the Taiwan Straits." In fact, many Taiwanese are pleased that their government is pushing for greater international recognition.

# Tokyo hails Beijing's move

TOKYO, Sept 27: Japan on Tuesday welcomed China's decision to withdraw its threat to boycott the Hiroshima Asian Games and pledged to continue to put priority on its ties with Beijing, reports AFP.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Kojo Igarashi told reporters: "It is meaningful. That will make the Games bright and peaceful," confirming to reporters that Chinese athletes will take part in the Games.

During a meeting with Japan's Foreign Minister Yohei Kono in New York, China's Foreign Minister Qian Qichen was quoted as saying Beijing would join the Games but added that some related missions may not attend the event.

The decision came only six days before the Games kick off in Hiroshima, Western Japan.

"Japan will continue to pay importance to ties with China," Igarashi said. "Japan will also continue regarding relations with Taiwan as non-diplomatic ties."

Japan cut its diplomatic ties with Taiwan in 1972 when Tokyo recognised Beijing as the sole legitimate government of China, which regards Taiwan as a renegade province that must not be accorded the status of a separate state.

# Romanian women gymnasts go on strike

BUCHAREST, Sept 27: Romania's top women gymnasts have gone on strike over money, team coach Octavian Belu said here Monday, reports AFP.

"They have stopped training because the Romanian ministry of sports hasn't paid them bonuses due from this year's European Championships in Sweden and the World Championships in Australia."

"The 10 team gymnasts (including multiple Olympic and World Championship medalists Lavinia Milosovic and Gina Gogean) and their coaches are on strike until their claim is settled," Belu said.

According to Belu, they are owed collectively more than 10,000 dollars which they should have received over five months ago.

He stressed, however, that the gymnasts would honour commitments to take part in international competition.

# ATP's leading money winners

MANACCO, Sept 27: Leading prize money winners issued by the ATP Tour on Monday, reports Reuter.

1. Pete Sampras (US) 2,106,312 dollars
2. Sergi Bruguera (Spain) 1,421,074
3. Michael Stich (Germany) 1,216,591
4. Andre Agassi (US) 1,106,300
5. Stefan Edberg (Sweden) 1,100,686
6. Goran Ivanisevic (Croatia) 975,703
7. Michael Chang (US) 847,095
8. Wayne Ferreira (South Africa) 847,041
9. Boris Becker (Germany) 836,223
10. Yevgeny Kafelnikov (Russia) 810,093
11. Todd Martin (US) 799,717
12. Andrei Medvedev (Ukraine) 753,434
13. Alberto Berasategui (Spain) 725,951
14. Jim Courier (US) 631,084
15. Paul Haarhuis (Netherlands) 612,016
16. Jacco Eltingh (Netherlands) 610,994
17. Thomas Muster (Austria) 581,604
18. Mark Woodforde (Australia) 547,004
19. Carlos Costa (Spain) 540,818
20. Karel Novacek (Czech Republic) 538,114

# WTA's top 20

ST PETERSBURG, Florida, Sept 27: Leading women's rankings issued by the Women's Tennis Association on Monday, reports Reuter.

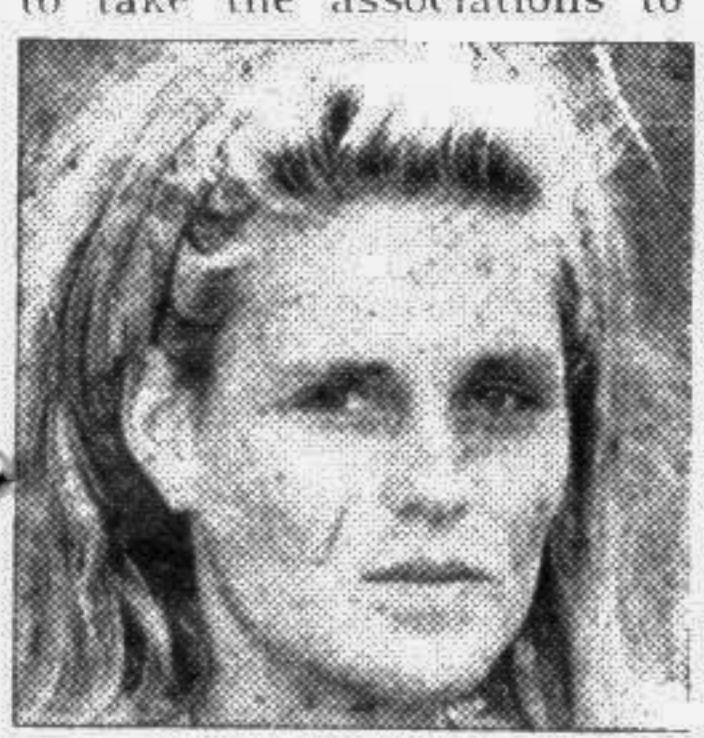
1. Steffi Graf (Germany)
2. Arantxa Sanchez Vicario (Spain)
3. Conchita Martinez (Spain)
4. Martina Navratilova (US)
5. Mary Pierce (France)
6. Jana Novotna (Czech Republic)
7. Lindsay Davenport (US)
8. Gabriela Sabatini (Argentina)
9. Kimiko Date (Japan)
10. Natalia Zvereva (Belarus)
11. Mary Joe Fernandez (US)
12. Zina Garrison-Jackson (US)
13. Magdalena Maleeva (Bulgaria)
14. Amy Frazier (US)
15. Amanda Coetzer (South Africa)
16. Sabine Hack (Germany)
17. Lori McNeil (US)
18. Anke Huber (Germany)
19. Sabine Appelmans (Belgium)
20. Ines Gorrochategui (Argentina)

# Krabbe seeks compensation

BONN, Sept 27: Germany's former double world sprint champion Katrin Krabbe on Monday entered a suit claiming one million marks (640,000 dollars) in damages from athletics bodies over her two-year doping ban, the Daily Die Welt reported, says Reuter.

Krabbe submitted her suit in a Munich court against both the German Athletics Association (DLV) and the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF), the paper said in its Tuesday edition. She also demanded an immediate end to the ban.

Krabbe, 100 and 200 metres world champion in 1991, had announced her intention to take the associations to



KATRIN KRABBE

court earlier in the year. She and teammates Grit Breuer and Manuela Derr were banned for two years by the IAAF last August after they admitted to taking the banned drug clenbuterol in July 1992.

The athletes claimed the ban was illegal under German law and would have been regarded as too harsh by a civil court.

They now believe a civil court will rule that two years is too long to ban someone from carrying out their profession and decide that the IAAF was acting outside its regulations.

# A bid to save race horses

BRISBANE, Australia, Sept 27: An order banning race meetings in southern Queensland state was extended Sunday in an effort to prevent the spread of a mystery illness that has killed 13 thoroughbred horses, reports AP.



Risa Sugawara of Japan chalking the uneven bars during a training session to prepare for the 12th Asian Games at the Hiroshima Municipal Gymnasium yesterday. The Games get underway from Oct 2. — AFP photo

# LA Marathon Inc pays the price

LOS ANGELES, Sept 27: The organizer of the Los Angeles Marathon agreed to pay a 436,000 dollar fine for laundering thousands of dollars in campaign contributions, it was reported Tuesday, reports AP.

Los Angeles Marathon Inc. has admitted in a legal settlement that it concealed it was the true source of 137 campaign contributions totalling 73,000 dollars from 1989 through the spring of 1992, the Los Angeles Times said.

The organization agreed that it illicitly reimbursed Marathon employees, their relatives and other people for making contributions of 14 candidates, most of them in the city of Los Angeles, the Times said.

Former Mayor Tom Bradley received 4,500 dollars funds also went to eight City Council members, including 9,000 dollar to Nate Holden and 5,500 dollar to Mark Ridley-Thomas. There also were large donations to unsuccessful candidates.

The scheme allowed the group to bypass city limits on campaign contributions. For instance, City Council candidates are permitted to receive 500 donations per indi-

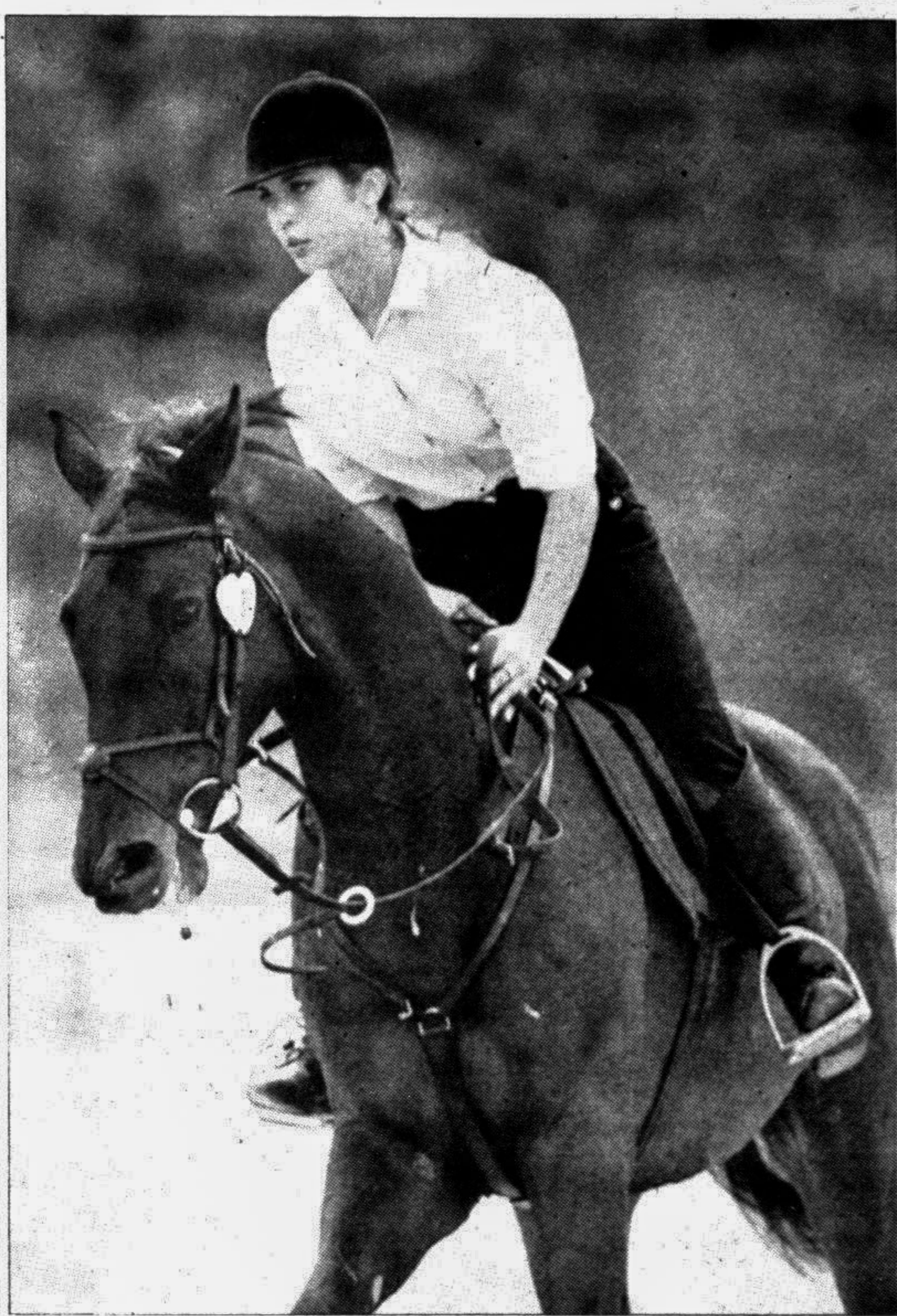
vidual or entity each election, while mayoral candidates can receive 1,000 dollars.

The tentative settlement, reached earlier this month with the city's Ethics Commission and the state Fair Political Practices Commission, must be approved by both commissions in hearings next month.

The repeated nature of the activity "displays intentional laundering activity, rather than an isolated incident," according to the settlement signed by Marathon president William Burke, former Marathon associate George Beasley and their lawyers.

Documents released Monday showed the recipients included mostly City Council contenders at a time when the marathon organization was asking the council to extend its 1985 contract. In 1991, the organization won approval to run the race through the year 2000, despite criticism that the organization had sloppy bookkeeping and made late payments.

Elihu Harris, Oakland's mayor, was the top recipient of organization funds. Between 1989 and 1990 he was given 40 contribution totalling 21,000 dollars. His connection to the group wasn't immediately explained.



Her Royal Highness Princess Haya of Jordan rides during an equestrian training session in preparation for the 12th Asian Games at the Hiroshima Institute of Technology yesterday. — AFP photo

# Anand wins, Short loses

LINARES, Spain, Sept 27: Results in the Professional Chess Association (PCA) World Championship 10-game semi-final eliminators in Linares on Monday, reports Reuter.

Gata Kamsky (United States), playing white, beat Nigel Short (Britain) in 26 moves and three hours and 30 minutes. Kamsky leads 4-1.

Viswanathan Anand (India), playing white, beat Michael Adams (Britain) in 53 moves and five hours and 30 minutes. Anand leads 4.5-0.5.

# Vasquez puts title on line

BUENOS AIRES, Sept 27: Britain's Lloyd Honeyghan is to challenge the WBA light-middleweight champion Julio Cesar Vasquez, according to the Argentine's manager Osvaldo Rivero, reports AFP.

Vasquez has agreed to put his title at stake on November 11 at Tucuman, Argentina.

Honeyghan is a former WBC welterweight champion, a crown he lost to American Marlon Starling in 1989.

Two months ago, the Englishman was stripped of his Commonwealth light-middleweight crown for failing to defend it before the expiry of a deadline set by the Commonwealth Boxing Council.

If Vasquez wins, the Argentine plans to take on the former WBC middleweight champion Julian Jackson of the Virgin Islands on December 10 at Monterrey, Mexico.

# McCall says no way

LONDON, Sept 27: New WBC heavyweight champion Oliver McCall of the United States has ruled out a re-match with Lennox Lewis, but is prepared to fight another British heavyweight, Frank Bruno, reports AFP.

Lewis claimed Mexican referee Lupe Garcia acted prematurely to stop his title defence against McCall at Wembley in the early hours of Sunday morning, but the American victor flatly rejected talks of a re-match.

"That's ludicrous," he told BBC Radio on Monday.

"Lennox Lewis discredited your country when he offered to fight Riddick Bowe. Riddick Bowe threw the belt in the gutter and I will never fight him."

McCall has, however, given a strong hint that he will adhere to a promise he made to Bruno.

# Pinto wins Berlin Marathon

BERLIN, Sept 27: Antonio Pinto of Portugal ran away from Sammy Nyangincha of Kenya on Sunday to victory in the 21st Berlin Marathon, and Germany's Katrin Doerre-Heining delighted the crowd with a women's course record, reports AP.

Some 1.2 million people lined Berlin streets to watch the 28-year-old Pinto pull away from the field of 16,124 as the sun burned through overcast skies. He finished in 2 hours, 8 minutes and 31 seconds.

Nyangincha finished 19 seconds later, followed by Antonio Serrano Sanchez of Spain at 2:9:13.

Doerre-Heining, an east German from Leipzig and three-time winner in London, ran alone over the flat course through east and west Berlin and finished in 2:25:14, improving her personal best by nine seconds.

# Haarhuis left in the cold

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia, Sept 27: Big-serving Japanese Shuzo Matsuoka pulled off a major surprise Tuesday in the 400,000 dollar Salem Open ATP tennis tournament here, stunning top-seed Paul Haarhuis of the Netherlands, reports AP.

The 26-year-old unseeded Japanese, taking advantage of Haarhuis' bad form, played aggressively to down the lanky Dutchman 7-6 (7-1), 6-2 in a first round tie which lasted 78 minutes, the national news agency Bernama reported.

Matsuoka, who turned pro in 1986 and is ranked No. 140 in the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP), will now play Nicholas Kulti of Sweden in the second round. Matsuoka said Haarhuis' play deteriorated as the match progressed.

"Paul was playing pretty good in the early stage of the match but after I broke him, he became slow until the end," Matsuoka said.

Another seeded player fell Tuesday as well. Third seed Jeremy Bates of Britain, the oldest player in the main draw at 32, was upset by American qualifier Kenny Thorne 3-6, 6-1, 6-7 (4-7) in 1 hour and 51 minutes.

In another first round match, Italian Gianluca Pozzi defeated Christian Bergstrom of Sweden 6-3, 5-7, 6-4 in 116 minutes, while qualifier Albert Chang of Canada overpowered American Tommy Ho 6-2, 6-2.

Meanwhile, Adam Malik of Malaysia — already qualified for the singles second round —

# Capriati's return delayed

NEW YORK, Sept 27: Jennifer Capriati put a temporary hold on her comeback plans by deciding Monday to pull out of next week's women's tournament in Zurich because of a pulled groin, reports Reuter.

Capriati, who has not played on the circuit since a shock first-round defeat at last year's US Open, suffered the injury in practice about three weeks ago.

"I was really looking forward to playing next week in Zurich and returning to the tour," Capriati said in a statement issued by her management firm.

"This is disappointing but I'm confident that I'll be playing again soon."

No decision had yet been taken on whether she would play in Filderstadt, Germany, later next month as planned, her managers said.

# CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

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- 12 Great wonder
- 13 Police blotter datum
- 14 Actress Thurman
- 15 Manta
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- 18 "— and Away" ('92 movie)
- 19 Take baby steps
- 21 "— Bovary"
- 24 Ontario's neighbor
- 25 Columbus sch.
- 26 Rhoda's mom
- 28 Hangovers?
- 31 Wish you were here
- 33 Sphere
- 35 Beantown?
- 36 Trencherman
- 38 Gridlock

**DOWN**

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- 3 Neighbor of Calif
- 4 Deli meat
- 5 Fettuccine recipe
- 6 Six CLXVIIIs
- 7 Moisten meat
- 8 Off the boat
- 9 Arizona State team
- 10 Pianist
- 11 Corduroy rib
- 16 "— picture paints
- 1 Bankroll
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- 20 Use Grand-ma's phone?
- 21 "...and the — raths outgrabe"
- 22 Land, lots of land
- 23 Desert whirlwind
- 27 Lob's path
- 29 Send forth
- 30 Stooges
- 32 Quest
- 34 Wood strips used to hold tarps
- 37 Do further MS work
- 39 Middle of a song
- 42 Spot
- 44 Exploitation
- 45 Pseudo coin
- 46 Visibility hindrance
- 50 — Tin Tin
- 51 Cistern
- 52 Rocks
- 53 Law: Latin

**Solution time: 27 min.**

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**CRYPTOQUIP**  
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U S J R ' F M V T B S W O M B X  
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N B M J M . "

**Saturday's Cryptoquip: SAID THE CAN TO THE CAN OPENER, "FRANKLY, YOU SURE MAKE ME FLIP MY LID!"**

**Today's Cryptoquip clue: V equals M**

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.