

Verdict surprises Seles



AMELIA ISLAND, Florida, Apr 4: Pi-arcers and executives on the women's tennis tour were confused and indignant after the man convicted of stabbing Monica Seles avoided jail again, reports AP.

Anne Person Worcester, chief executive of the WTA Tour, said the decision "defies logic" and Parche should face "significant prison time" for his 1993 attack.

Seles, who lives in Sarasota, issued a one-sentence statement through IMG, her management firm: "I am as surprised as everyone else, and I just don't understand this."

In a ruling Monday in Hamburg, Germany, judge Gertraud Goering said the tennis star failed to convince the court that because of the stabbing she was unable to resume her career.

The judge also said there was no evidence Guenter Parche intended to do more harm to Seles. Parche contends he was not trying to kill Seles, but disable her so Steffi Graf could regain the No. 1 ranking.

The athletic wrote a letter to the court saying Parche's attack "destroyed my life." But the judge said testimony from Seles was necessary to support such a claim.

Goering added that a likely explanation for the fact that Parche's five-inch (13 cm) knife didn't cause a graver injury was that "he didn't want to kill her."

The decision supported the two-year suspended sentence Parche was given after he was convicted of causing grievous bodily harm on Oct 13, 1993.

The WTA Tour firmly believes that the court has perpetuated the injustice in this case and that the defendant should have been sentenced to

significant prison time," Worcester said. "The fact that Monica Seles has not returned to the game she loves or the public life she once led, coupled with her statement to the court, should have been sufficient testimony."

Zina Garrison Jackson, competing at this week's women's event at Amelia Island, could not understand the judge's thinking.

"It is a very traumatic experience when something like that happens to a person," she said. "I think it would be very hard for me to be face to face with somebody that humiliated me in front of the world. I thought the second time for sure, he would go (to jail). He definitely should be behind bars."

Former WTA Tour presi-



MONICA SELES

dent Pam Shriver said she hopes Seles, 21, can reorder her life.

"Let's hope that there is closure on it," she said. "The best thing that could happen is that Monica put it behind her and get on with life. And hopefully, getting on with life means competing again be-

cause that what's she's, no doubt, best at I think in the long run, she can grow to be very comfortable again on the court. All the players would certainly welcome that."

The judge accepted testimony from two psychiatrists who said, aside from his fixation on Graf, Parche was harmless.

"Both experts expect that he will never be moved to do something like that again," the judge said.

Parche, 40, stabbed Seles, then the world's No. 1 female player, as she sat on a bench during a break in a match at a tournament in Hamburg. The knife left a half-inch (1.25 cm) deep wound in her back.

Seles psychologist, testifying in court, likened her condition to that of a rape victim. Psychologist Jerry Russel May said Seles has post-traumatic stress disorder and has trouble doing normal daily tasks, such as going to the grocery store.

The court issued no restrictions on Parche's movements and said he would not be ordered to seek psychiatric help.

Homicide detective Rolf Bauer, who interrogated Parche after the attack, said his claim to have wanted to only maim Seles was credible.

"It was obvious to us all that the man belonged with a doctor and not in jail," Bauer said. Prosecutor Rolf Rosenkranz said Parche should be imprisoned because he had carefully planned the attack and carried it out in public. Also, there was a political motive.

Parche had spoken of his dislike of Serbs. Seles, an ethnic Hungarian, was born in the Serbian area of Yugoslavia and is now an American citizen.

"I'm happy to be going home," Parche said after the ruling. "And I'm happy to be getting away from this big city."

DU Club in Biman tennis qtrs

Sports Reporter

In the Biman inter-club tennis championships, being held at the Dhaka Club court, the Dhaka University Club team reached the quarterfinals beating the United Nations (UN) Club in both the doubles and singles encounters yesterday.

In the doubles, Dr Muhibur Rahman and Shahiduzzaman of DU prevailed over the UN pair in straight sets 6-2, 6-3.

Dr Alamgir Zafar clinched the issue for DU in the singles by rallying to overcome his UN Club opponent 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.

The marathon match involving the two over 35-year-old group players, ran till 9:00 pm last night.

Real test ahead of Indian Davis Cuppers

Calcutta, April 4: Former non-playing captain of the Indian Davis Cup team, Naresh Kumar, yesterday said India's World Group play-off in September would be the real test for the young team, reports PTI.

"The 5-0 clean sweep against Philippines was a good victory, but the World Group play-off would be much tougher. It will be the real test for the young team after two easy home ties," Naresh Kumar told PTI here.

Praising the Indians for their effortless win in the Asia-Oceania Group-1 first round tie against the Philippines, the former non-playing captain said the country had a promising Davis Cup team, but it remained to be seen how they handled the pressure in tough matches.

"Now depends on whom we draw for the world group tie and where we play. We will definitely be the underdogs but the team has six months to prepare. There's a lot of work to be done," Naresh Kumar said.

The former non-playing captain, who took Indian tennis to new heights during his tenure, was not unduly worried by the underdog tag. "We have been underdogs many times before but managed to pull off upset victories. Leander is fully capable of handling the pressure but the others have to learn a lot," he pointed out.

Honeyghan hangs gloves up

LONDON, Apr 4: Former undisputed world welterweight champion Lloyd Honeyghan announced his retirement from the ring on Tuesday at the age of 34, reports Reuter.

Honeyghan's greatest night came in Atlantic City on September 27, 1986, when he defeated the formidable American Don Curry in six rounds to capture the undisputed welterweight title.

IOC okays to 2 new events

MANACCO, Apr 4: Ballroom dancing and surfing took a first step towards eventual inclusion in the Olympics when they were granted provisional recognition by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) on Monday, reports Reuter.

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Poosh Malgorzata Sobanska (R) and Mexican Dionicio Ceron hold aloft their winners' trophies after winning the London Marathon on Sunday. — AFP/UNB photo

Wimbledon gets tougher

WIMBLEDON, Apr 4: When officials at the Wimbledon tennis championships said they were going to clamp down on black market tickets, they really meant it, reports AP.

The All-England Club on Monday released a catalog of embarrassing scenarios in which major companies have had important guests turned away at the Wimbledon gates because their tickets were invalid.

In an effort to wipe out a 50-year-old black market in which Wimbledon tickets were bought for astronomical prices, the All-England Club in 1990

introduced sweeping new measures that invalidated any ticket purchased from an unauthorised agent or any other unofficial source.

Some of those trying to get in with such tickets have found themselves out of thousands of pounds (dollars) and with egg of their faces. Among the incidents over the last few years, according to the club:

A major British communications company paid 15,000 pounds (dls 24,000) for an unofficial corporate hospitality package for 12 guests for the women's final. All of the tickets were invalid and the 12 people turned away, their tickets resold for charity at 4 pounds (dls 6.40) each.

A Japanese businessman paid more than 50,000 pounds (dls 80,000) for 35 Centre Court tickets to entertain some of his most esteemed customers. All the tickets were invalid and the group was refused admission.

A Japanese businessman paid a ticket agency a 600 pound (dls 960) deposit for two tickets. After the tickets failed to arrive, he discovered the agency had gone out of business.

The All England Club said many who have shown up with invalid tickets weren't aware they had been dealing with the black market, but club chief executive Christopher Gorrige said there would be no backing down.

"Our policy has always been to ensure that ordinary tennis-loving members of the public can acquire tickets at a price they can afford," Gorrige said. "The burgeoning black market in Wimbledon tickets made a mockery of our carefully considered pricing and distribution system, because far too many tickets were redirected to those able to afford grossly inflated prices."

"The ticket conditions were introduced to improve this situation. We are committed to continuing these conditions," Gorrige said. "The last thing we want is to cause individuals and companies disappointment, embarrassment or financial loss, and this is very simply avoided by checking ticket validity prior to purchase."

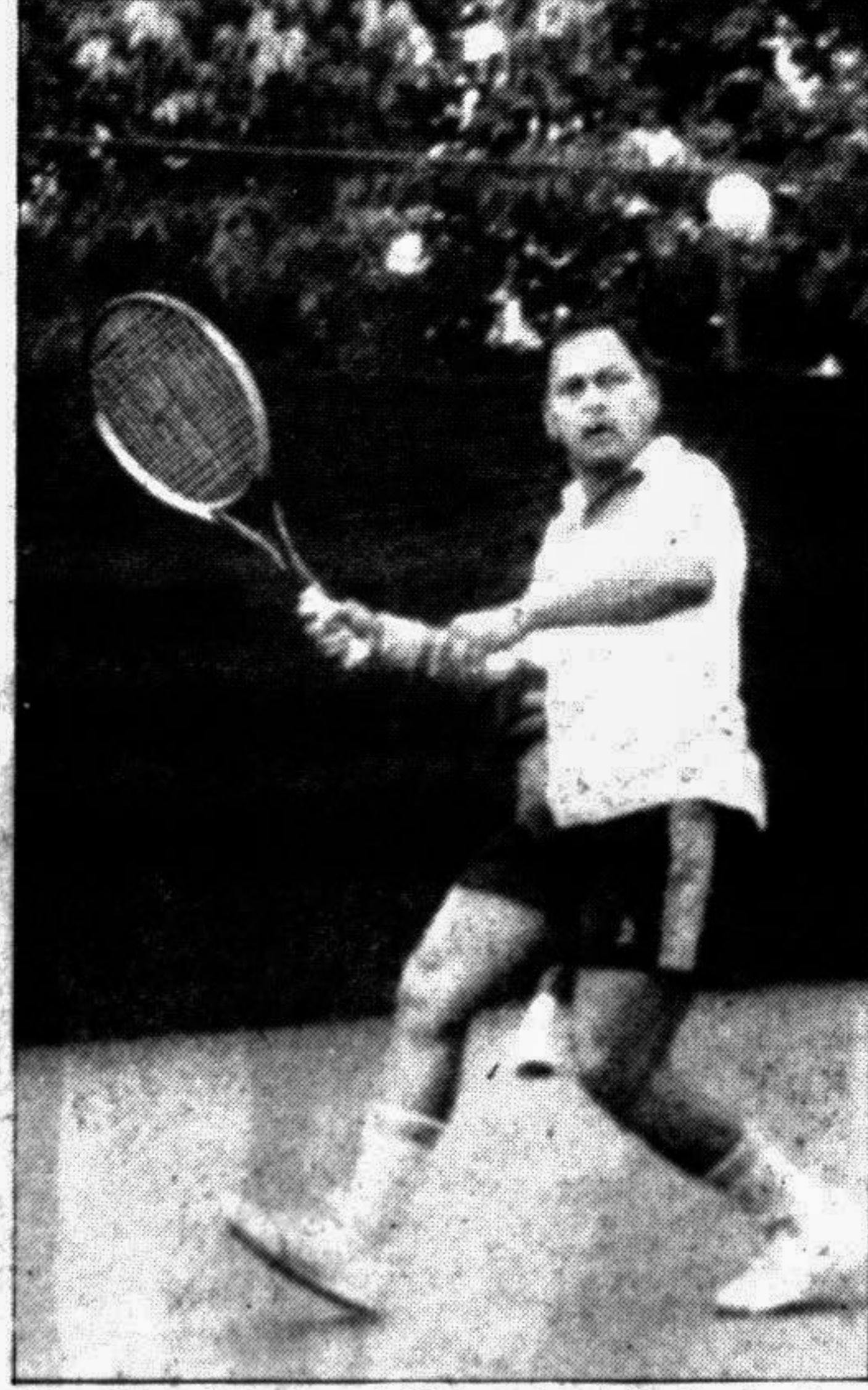
Sanchez sidelined

HILTON HEAD, South Carolina, Apr 4: World number one star Arantxa Sanchez could face up to six weeks out through injury, the Women's Tennis Association (WTA) revealed here on Monday, reports AFP.

Sports and medicine section director Kathleen Stora said the Spaniard had suffered a stress fracture and a bad muscle sprain in her right ankle.

Sanchez injured herself last Thursday here while playing against South African Amanda Coetzer. She went on to win the match to keep her world ranking but then abandoned the tournament.

The injury could mean her missing the Federation Cup, beginning on April 17.



Giasuddin of Engineers' Club makes a forehand return against Nazrul Islam of Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Club during their singles match in Biman inter-club tennis championships at the Dhaka Club court yesterday. Giasuddin won the encounter. — Star photo

Chinese official retorts

MONTE CARLO, Monaco, Apr 4: A top Chinese Olympic official on Monday branded as "stupid" a call by Australia's Swimming Federation to ban China from swimming competition for four years because of doping violations, reports AP.

The board of Australian Swimming Incorporated (ASI) said Sunday that Chinese swimmers should be barred until China has implemented effective out-of-competition testing and can prove its swimmers are drug-free.

The move was prompted by a spate of positive tests involving Chinese swimmers, including seven at last year's Asian Games in Hiroshima, Japan. The seven, including two world champions, were subsequently banned for two years.

He Zhenjiang, China's member on the executive board of the International Olympic Committee, reacted with disdain to the Australian appeal — which, if accepted, would keep China out of next year's Olympics in Atlanta.

"It's stupid," he said. "You have seven swimmers who have been sanctioned by FINA (the world swimming federation) and by ourselves. How many swimmers do we have in China? You can not take these isolated individual cases as a general case."

"Now they ask to sanction a national body. Why don't they ask to ban other national federations who have the same problem? Is that fair? Why should all the swimmers of China be victims of this stupid demand?"

"We are against doping and once we find someone we sanction them very severely," he said. "That's the correct way."

He spoke as the IOC executive board began a three-day meeting in Monaco, including a joint session with the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations.

His stance was supported by IOC leaders. China's swimming team already has been banned from the Pan Pacific Games to be held in Atlanta in August. Australia, the United States, Canada and New Zealand voted in a block to keep out the Chinese.

"That's not fair," he said. "You can disqualify someone who contravenes the doping code. You can not ban other swimmers."

Eleven Chinese swimmers have tested positive for drugs over the past 12 months — more than half the total doping cases in swimming the two decades. In all sports, 31 Chinese athletes failed drug tests last year.

The International Swimming Federation (FINA) which sent a delegation to China to investigate the positive cases, announced last week that it found no evidence of a systematic doping program.

On another matter, he said China still has not decided whether to bid for the 2004 Olympics, Beijing lost by two votes to Sydney, Australia, in the voting for the 2000 Games.

"We are still in a period of consultations with all the authorities concerned," he said. "A dozen cities have so far expressed interest in hosting the 2004 Games. The IOC will send out invitations for formal bids on June 1. The host city will be selected in 1997."

In an obvious reference to the Chinese situation, IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch said it was unfair to single out a single nation for condemnation.

"The Olympic movement continues its relentless struggle against doping," he said at the opening ceremony of the IOC and ASOIF meetings.

Nevertheless, there is no valid reason for generalizing isolated acts and passing judgment unfairly against the national sport or population of a country, where the fault lies with a tiny minority."

In his speech, Samaranch reiterated his appeal for the reintegration of Yugoslavia into international sport following the partial lifting of sanctions against Serbia.

Samaranch said the IOC was continuing its efforts for the permanent lifting of sanctions by the UN Security Council.

"It is our opinion that sport is being held hostage by politics," he said.

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আপনার পরিবেশ সুন্দর ও পরিষ্কার রাখুন
আপনার শিককে টিকা দিন

পুনঃনিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

ঢাকা সিটি কর্পোরেশনের অধীনে নিম্নে বর্ণিত পদ সরাসরি নিয়োগের মাধ্যমে পূরণের জন্য বাস্বাসদের প্রকৃত ন্যায়িকদের নিকট হইতে দরবার আহ্বান করা যাইতেছেঃ

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শর্তাবলীঃ

(ক) প্রার্থীদেরকে (১) নাম (২) পিতার নাম (৩) জন্ম তারিখ (৪) বর্তমান ঠিকানা (৫) স্থায়ী ঠিকানা (৬) শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা (৭) জাতীয়তা (৮) অভিজ্ঞতা, ইত্যাদি উল্লেখপূর্বক সাদা কাগজে আবেদন করিতে হইবে।

(খ) দরবারের সঠিক অবশ্যই (১) শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা/শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতার সমন্বয়ে সন্মতিক্রমিত সন্মতিক্রমিত (২) জাতীয়তা সমন্বয়ে (৩) ২ (দুই) জন ১ম শ্রেণীর পেরফেক্ট অভিজ্ঞতার নিকট হইতে ২টি চরিত্রের সমন্বয়ে (৪) অভিজ্ঞতার সমন্বয়ে বর্ণিত থাকে। (৫) ২ (দুই) জন ১ম শ্রেণীর পেরফেক্ট অভিজ্ঞতার নিকট হইতে ২টি চরিত্রের সমন্বয়ে (৬) অভিজ্ঞতার সমন্বয়ে বর্ণিত ঢাকার যে কোন তফসিলী ব্যাকের উপর ৩ করা ১০ (দশ) টাকা মূল্য মাসের ব্যাক ডাকট/সে-অর্ডার (অফিসের যোগ্য) সংযোজন করিয়া দিতে হইবে। তবে ঢাকা শহরের বাহিরে অবস্থিত কোন ব্যাকের সে-অর্ডার/কল ডিপোজিট গ্রহণযোগ্য নহে।

(গ) বাহ্যিক কর্মচারী আবেদন, তাহাদেরকে স্বাধীন কর্মচারীর মাধ্যমে আবেদন করিতে হইবে।

(ঘ) আগামী ১০/৪/৯৫ইং তারিখের মধ্যে দরবারস্থ ঢাকা সিটি কর্পোরেশনের সচিবের নগরে পৌঁছাইতে হইবে।

(ঙ) অসমত বা বিসংগত বাস্তব আহ্বান গ্রহণযোগ্য হইবে না।

(চ) বিজ্ঞপ্তি পূর্ণ পদের সংখ্যা কমিতে ও বাড়িতে পারবে।

৩/১/৯৫ইং তারিখে 'দৈনিক বাস্বাস' বা ৪/১/৯৫ইং তারিখে 'দৈনিক ইন্ডিয়ান' ও 'দি বাস্বাস' অবসরভিত্তিক এবং ২/১০/৯৫ইং তারিখে 'দি বাস্বাস' অবসরভিত্তিক ও ২০/১০/৯৫ইং তারিখে 'দৈনিক জনকণ্ঠ' পত্রিকাসমূহে প্রকাশিত বিজ্ঞপ্তি দেখিতে প্রয়োজনীয় শর্তাবলী পূর্ণ করিয়া বাহ্যিক উপ পদে আবেদনকারী সকল কর্তব্যসমূহ দেখিতে, তাহাদের বিজ্ঞপ্তি দেখিতে পূরণের আবেদনকারী সকল কর্তব্যসমূহ দেখিতে। তাহাদের পূর্ণ দায়িত্বকৃত আবেদন পর অবশ্যই গ্রহণ করিতে হইবে।

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ঢাকা সিটি কর্পোরেশন, ঢাকা

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS	choke	Robin Hood	20 Audition goal
1 Tom Hanks movie	41 Maxims	2 — Jima	21 Hay unit
4 —	43 Skirmish	3 Word form meaning "earth"	22 Norse royal name
Kangaroo Down, Sport	45 McDaniel of "GWTW"	4 Mortar-board adornment	23 Cattle, horses, etc.
9 Yon maiden fair	47 — Little Spanish Town	5 Mean-while	27 Greet the villain
12 Have bills	48 Lennon's lady	6 Conductor de Waart	29 Centrifuge insert
13 Llama territory	49 Amass	7 Muhammad's birthplace	30 Advantage
14 Anderson's "Noop"	54 Snapshot for short	8 Inuit	32 "I smell —"
15 Snoopy's avian pal	55 Dining room need	9 Santa fills them	34 News item
17 Barn dweller	56 Cornfield comment	10 Ululate	37 Checker moves?
18 Put to work	57 Wapiti	11 Perry's creator	39 Scored two, in a way
19 There's no end to it	58 Trusty horse	16 Washout	42 Attack
21 Less meek	59 Storm center		44 Chowder-head
24 Frenzied			45 Crosby companion
25 Clay, today			46 Blue dye source
26 Freedom, for short			50 U.K. honour
28 Martini accessory			51 Bar supply
31 Volcanic outflow			52 Set down
33 Extinct bird			53 Farm female
35 Oklahoma city			
36 Chris of tennis			
38 Calif. fort			
40 Joke			

CRYPTOQUIP

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I K M G V G B L C C L W V L
A Z M C C M B D V G B K E A D F
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Saturday's Cryptoquip: SAID TO PILOT: "DO AIRPLANES CRASH VERY OFTEN?" "NEVER FEAR, THEY ONLY CRASH ONCE."

Today's Cryptoquip clue: K equals U

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.