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Brazil leader's downfall causes big celebration

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil — A day after impeachment, Brazil celebrated the fall of President Fernando Collor de Mello with all the fervor of its famous Carnival.

In Rio de Janeiro, a roar went up at the final congressional vote late Tuesday for the thousands who gathered around an outdoor screen in the downtown theater district. Many rocked through the night to the strains of the national anthem played to a samba beat by a sound truck.

A crowd of 100,000 sang and chanted on the lawn in front of Congress in Brasilia, the capital, as legislators voted inside. The commemoration began with the Cham-ber of Deputies' 441-38 vote to oust Collor, and stretched into the wee hours in cities across this country of 150 million.

Prisoners in Rio's Lemos de Brito prison followed the vote on TV. Luiz Henrique Nunes Ferreira, doing 30 years for armed robbery, was quoted as saying about Collor: "Didn't he say when he took office that the corrupt belonged in jail? We're waiting for him.

WASHINGTON - The House on Wednesday easily sustained President Bush's veto of a bill requiring many businesses to give their workers time off in family emergencies. Democrats pledged to redouble efforts to make "family leave" a major issue in the campaign for the White House.

The vote on the politically charged bill was 258-169, well short of the two-thirds majority needed to over-ride Bush. It was the 33rd consecutive time Bush has made his veto stick.

Supporters of the family-leave bill said the veto would reverberate in next month's presidential election. Democrat Bill Clinion supports the measure; Bush has promoted "family values" as a campaign theme.

This issue frames this campaign," Rep. Patricia Schroeder said. "Yes, it really is about who is for families.

Forty-two Democrats deserted their party and voted to sustain Bush's veto. Thirty-eight Republicans voted

to override the president. The measure was strongly opposed by lobbyists for small business. Opponents pointed to Bush's eleventhhour alternative, \$500 million in tax credits for businesses that grant the unpaid leave to workers.

There's a better, more effective way," House Minority Leader Bob Michel said.

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Bush 'family leave' veto sustained

- Thomas Foley Speaker of the House

ment after removing a provision al-

lowing local tax collections to be used

for abortions. Bush had vetoed the bill

earlier in the day because he opposed

The family leave bill would have

required businesses with 50 or more

employees to give workers up to 12 weeks of unpaid, job-protected leave,

with full health benefits, to care for a

sick family member or for a newborn

to override Bush. He so far has a

perfect record of making his vetoes

stick. The Senate vote marked the first time in his presidency that body

House Speaker Thomas Foley called Bush's veto "a very bad mis-

The Senate voted 68-31 last week

the abortion provision.

or newly adopted child.

has voted to override.

take" but already was looking ahead to the bill's prospects if Clinton, a supporter of the bill, is elected president.

"It is one of the things that will change in a new administration, Foley said. "It is one of the things that the Clinton campaign is committed to change and that the Congress in great majority is committed to support."

"We thought the election politics would help us," one Democratic strat-egist said. "On the other hand, it could be hurting us.

Major tax legislation was also pending in the final days of Congress.

A Senate-House conference committee was to take up the issue after the Senate voted 70-29 to approve its \$35 billion catch-all bill Tuesday night. The House's version is about half that size.

Both include a portion for poor cities, through business incentives in depressed areas, but the urban aid

portion was dwarfed by added items such as expanded individual retirement accounts and business tax breaks.

The House and Senate sent Bush a compromise \$12 billion measure financing land programs that leaves mostly intact the 120-year-old law that gives miners inexpensive access to federal lands.

as expected to override another Bush the District of Columbia's governveto of a bill that would slap conditions on renewal next year of China's trade status with the United States. Most-favored nation status imparts the lowest available tariffs on a country's exports to America. The vote was 345-74, well over the

two-thirds needed.

The veto battles were among the major bills to be acted upon before the 102nd Congress adjourns early next week.

Since the new federal fiscal year begins Thursday with most of the 13 annual spending bills unfinished, Congress passed the emergency bill to give it more time to finish those spending bills.

Legislators also sent Bush a \$688 The House voted overwhelmingly million measure that helps finance

Quiet spending put Perot in 'October surprise' position

WASHINGTON - Ross Perot continued to spend millions after he dropped from the presidential race in July, maintaining a 50-state organization and quietly preparing campaign advertising.

Those expenditures - S4 million in August alone --- have put Perot in position for an "October surprise" return if he chooses to make that move Thursday.

But they also underline a stark contrast between what the Texas billionaire has said publicly and what he has done privately since ending his independent bid for the White House.

At the same time he was spending the money, Perot was declaring that he wouldn't play a spoiler's role, that the chances of his returning were comparable to the likelihood that "a hurricane will go straight up in the air today" or "lightning going to strike here in two seconds."

"It smacks of double dealing," said Stephen Hess, a political analyst with

"He said he was leaving the race, not 'I'm leaving the race but I'm going to be creating some 30 ads and getting my name on ballots just in case I decide to come back," Hess said.

But Murphy Martin, a close Perot associate who has helped in recent weeks to prepare ads, disagreed.

"We've been saying all along we wanted to keep our options open," Martin said.

Campaign finance reports filed with the government show Perot has ent \$18.5 million — \$16.1 million of it his own money - since first mentioning the possibility of an independent campaign in March.

More than half that total has been spent since he withdrew: \$6.6 million in July and \$4 million in August.

That fact is not lost on the political professionals who worked on his campaign before it disbanded and who now wonder whether Perot was planning an October surprise all the time. 'Perot doesn't throw money away.

If he was paying after he dropped out to get himself on the ballot in all those states, then he clearly had something in mind," said Elizabeth Maas, Perot's former director of press operations.

"He is unhappy where he sits on the stage right now. I don't think he wants to go out as the guy who came in, got everyone excited and then quit," said Sal Russo, a California consultant who worked briefly for Perot.

Much of the \$4 million Perot spent in August went to pay bills he accrued before he dropped out or the salaries of campaign consultants he agreed to continue paying through November.

But scattered among the 400 pages of his latest Federal Election Commission report are expenditures that have helped keep Perot in the spot-light since his withdrawal, such as financing the volunteer effort to get his name on all 50 state ballots. Some of his state coordinators have continued to be paid.

Also among the expenditures were \$7,000 to Martin, a longtime Dallas

Billionaire gibes women reporters

DALLAS - Ross Perot, whose relations with reporters are testy at best, complained to an NBC journalist that the reason women reporters do negative stories is "they're trying to prove their manhood," a newspaper reported today. The Washington Post reported

that Perot made the comment to Jim Cummins, Dallas bureau chief for NBC News, as he left a studio where he'd been interviewed for the "Today" show.

television personality and sports an-nouncer, and \$9,389 to an Irving, Texas, television production studio.

The report lists the expenses, both dated Aug. 21, for media placement and media production. Martin and the studio declined to discuss exactly what the money was for.

But Martin acknowledged he has need it," he said.

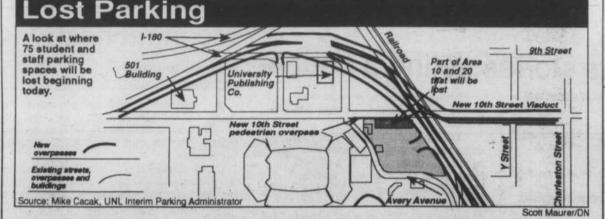
Perot complained to Cummins about "Today" show host Katie Couric and correspondent Lisa Myers, who angered him with a story that preceded his segment on the show, the Post reported. Bryant Gumbel interviewed Perot on Monday's show.

Cummins did not immediately return a call this morning. Perot spokeswoman Sharon Holman was not immediately available. She declined comment to the Post.

continued working for Perot since the withdrawal, converting raw footage shot by former campaign professionals into usable ads and in some cases creating new ads.

"We continue to update and keep him armed should he exercise the option. We hope to have some material for whatever reason he would

EPA accuses White House



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The project, now in its second phase, will include building a pedestrian overpass and a new 10th Street overpass, said Al Imig, Lincoln deputy city engineer. Phase one of the construction project began last week on waterways under Avery Avenue, he said, and will be completed this week.

Construction was scheduled to begin today on the pedestrian overpass which will run beside the 10th Street overpass. That overpass

will be completed in April, Imig said

After the pedestrian overpass is completed, the deteriorating 80-year-old 10th Street overpass will be replaced, he said.

During the final construction phase of the 10th Street overpass, the pedestrian overpass will be the only access to campus from North 10th Street, he said.

When construction is finished, the north end of the 10th Street overpass will be in the same place it is now.

The south side of the overpass will curve to Ninth Street, Imig said, and will be adjacent to the I-180 bridge going into downtown Lincoln.

Bob Carpenter, UNL manager of facility planning, said 10th Street would be restructured because of the new overpass. The existing 10th Street will be converted to an internal campus street, he said.

The entire project will slow traffic, Cacak said, but it will be beneficial.

"When it's all said and done, traffic will flow better around campus.'

of delaying new regulations

NEW YORK - Seventy-six new regulations prepared by the Environmental Protection Agency are being held up by the White House, some in violation of congressional deadlines, according to a confidential EPA report.

The stalled regulations include some of the major provisions of the 1990 Clean Air Act intended to control smog, reduce acid rain, protect the ozone layer and reduce toxic air pollutants.

The administration is holding up numerous rules, which is illegal, and which is not consistent with the goal of protecting human health and the environment," said a senior EPA offi-

cial who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The report says that eight regulations are currently being blocked by the White House even though congressional deadlines for their completion have passed. A copy of the Sept. 22 report was obtained by The Associated Press.

Among the blocked regulations is the set of rules governing the trading of air pollution emissions, a program touted for relying on markets to curb acid rain. The rules were due May 15.

Another regulation that missed its deadline would require tighter emission controls on new incinerators and chemical plants.



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