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Olympic panel to rule on Harding case next wee

The Associated Press

LILLEHAMMER, Norway - Tonya Harding's lifelong pursuit of a figure skating gold medal could end next week at an Oslo airport hotel, 110 miles shy of this Olympic town and one week short.

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The U.S. Olympic Committee, troubled by Harding's links to the Nancy Kerrigan assault, called a special hearing for next Tuesday to decide whether to bar the U.S. champion from the Winter Games.

If Harding is banned, her only chance of competing in Lillehammer would be through a court order

The USOC's decision to convene its Games Administrative Board was buttressed by a 400page volume of evidence from a figure skating

The Associated Press

holding the remains of Americans lost in

the Vietnam War, or at least know about

them, but Hanoi is no longer keeping them for political leverage, a U.S. official said

Army Lt. Col. John C. Cray said some of the 12 sets of remains believed to be those of

Americans that Hanoi gave to the United

States on Monday were turned in by vil-

The latest repatriation ceremony at Hanoi's Noi Bai Airport came four days af-

ter President Clinton lifted a 19-year trade

embargo against Vietnam. Cray, head of the

MIA office in Hanoi, said the ceremony had

been planned three months ago to coincide

with the completion of two major search op-

"This is the first repatriation ceremony since the embargo has been lifted," Cray

said. "I think that instead of hurting, it will

President Clinton had made the lifting of the embargo contingent on Hanoi's cooper-ation and progress in the fullest possible ac-

counting of those missing since the Vietnam

MIAs opposed the end of the embargo, say-

ing the United States would lose its leverage

in forcing Vietnam to cooperate in account-

ing for the 2,238 American MIAs

U.S. veterans groups and families of

erations in December and January.

in fact enhance our process.

HANOI, Vietnam – Villagers may be

Political leverage no longer an issue

in Vietnam's return of MIA remains

federation inquiry, and by Harding's own rounding the attack on Nancy Kerrigan statements.

"It's not a matter of hearing more, it's a matter of giving Tonya Harding a chance to respond, which she has not had a chance to USOC president LeRoy Walker said. He said Harding could submit her case in person or in writing, but hoped she would testify. There was no immediate word if she would. Interviewed on NBC's "Today," Walker

said the proceeding was similar to an adminis-

trative hearing. "But we would like to present her, in per-son, the charges and grounds for charges that have been leveled by the (figure skating) panel to get her response." "They want to talk to Tonya," USOC execu-

tive director Harvey Schiller said. "I think it is a response that is required by the grounds sur-

They charged that Hanoi was holding

back remains to advance its political agen-

da. Vietnam also seeks a resumption of

diplomatic relations. "We have no evidence that they're hold-

ing any warehouse full of remains as oc-curred in the past," said Cray. "Are there

some Vietnamese villagers scattered

throughout the provinces that may have in-

dividual sets or have knowledge of where American remains might be. Yes, I believe

that. "And in fact, we find that each time we have a large joint field activity and we reach

the people come forward and either turn

over remains or guide us to where they

think they recall many years ago a burial

site. That's part of how we came to recover-

hard as we can ... to make greater progress

and continue to provide answers to the families that have waited so long," he said.

Cray said that since the end of the em-

bargo, the Vietnamese have shown their

commitment to the fullest possible account-

ing, and over the weekend made plans to

join more than 100 Americans on another

with us," said Cray. "I think this issue is

just going to cause a better understanding.

It's giving them feedback that we do recog-

nize the efforts they've achieved to date.'

"I believe that they will continue to work

search operation beginning Feb. 26.

'We're going to continue to work as

ing these remains."

The inquiry will deal more with manship and fair play aspects rather criminal culpability," he said.

In Portland, Ore., Harding's attorney, Weaver, said he was reviewing the USY hearing notice.

John Ruger, a member of the panel chairman of the USOC athletes advisory mission, said the board was commi treating Harding fairly.

Harding will remain on the team wile least the end of the hearing, which open 15 at the SAS Park Royal Hotel, acros street from Fornebu Airport. That's three after the Winter Games begin and eight before the start of women's figure skating

Schiller said the USOC wanted to me of town to keep from disrupting the Game

Government clears Wi critica for labeling milk treat the San with controversial dru

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Stores and dains label milk as coming from cows not! with a controversial new hormone, labels can't suggest the milk is any safe that from treated animals, the gove said Monday.

In guidelines to be published Tuesda Food and Drug Administration said nies may label milk, ice cream and othe products as coming from "cows not h with" recombinant bovine somatotrop That information must be put in "the

er context," the agency said. After That means the label also have toor mende

statement like, "No significant different been shown between milk derived from tuden treated and non-rbST-treated cows," agency said.

The genetically engineered version of naturally occurring hormone went on the ket Friday. The drug makes cows promore milk

Some stores, dairies and food process worried about the consumer response said they would not carry products from the ed animals

Others have wanted to label their prot closed as coming from animals that had not treated.

The product is technically "recombine an ade bST, or rbST for short, because it comest cerns a genetic engineering. Many people just a mation BST, and capitalize the "b." Rya

The agency said labels could not carry the Ser claim that milk is "bST-free" because the "I t. mone occurs naturally in milk Labels also c. main and not say the milk is "rBST-free" because that the v would imply the milk is different.

The labeling guidelines reinforce what senator tween milk from treated cows and non-treated How cows

That message was reaffirmed by the Ser American Medical Association and American Dietetic Association.

Some biotechnology critics, hum sion an groups and consumer groups say the poses risks that have not been thorough "I fe dressed. eople

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fire on their enemies below

So, it was perhaps no surprise that Sarajevo observed the anniversary of its Winter Games with more funerals and rage at the Serb gunners who "have broken the Olympic record in murder.

In the shadow of Zetra stadium, where the

Olympic flame was lighted Feb. 8, 1984, 20 victims of the market massacre were laid in graves hacked from the hardscrabble ground of a former soccer field.

The stadium has been struck by Serb shells, ringed by Serbian gunners in the hills who many fired from cannon and mortar emplacements set up on ski slopes and bobsled runs on the Olympic heights surrounding the city.

At a commemorative ceremony in the national theater, a girl's choir called "The Snowflakes" - named for Sarajevo's Olympic emblem – lip-synched to "The Flame is Still Alive," the city's Olympic theme song.

The mood among the 100 Sarajevans in attendance was dejected but dignified.

One shelling Saturday killed 68 market-go-ers and injured 200 others.

