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ACCORD considers another appeal

Managing Editor

While the appeals have been exhausted with the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission to stop National Pig Development from locating a 50,000-head swine research facility near Pampa, officials say opponents do have another avenue for protest.

"The appeals within the TNRCC are exhausted," said INRCC media relations officer Adria Dawidezik this morning. "However, the opponents have 30 days to file an appeal in district court to overturn the decision."

Dawidezik said the appeal will have

TNRCC to change name Sept. 1

Resource Texas Natural Conservation Commission will soon Texas Legislature felt that the new be changing its name.

Beginning Sept. 1, the TNRCC will change its name and begin doing business as the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).

The name change is required by the Sunset legislation, House Bill

to be filed in Travis County (Austin). Dalton Lewis, vice president of Active Citizens Concerned Over Resource Development in Agriculture, ACCORD await word on what the pro-

According to the TNRCC, the name is shorter and gives people a better sense of the agency's purpose. and it's more consistent with what other states are calling their environmental agencies.

Agency officials state the name change will not affect any previous (See NAME, Page 3)

Inc. (ACCORD), said this morning he was disappointed with the decision.

Lewis and other members of

cedure is for them to follow to file an appeal.

We (ACCORD) will find out our options and make the decision about what to do from there." said Lewis. He said he expects to receive a letter from the TNRCC in the next few days explaining the decision and options.

"Many local people and others from across the state were upset that the recommendations of the Office of Public Interest Counsel (OPIC) were ignored," said Lewis.

He referred to OPIC recommenda tion that the three TNRCC commissioners review the NPD registration. **ENRCC** Executive Director Jeff Saitas (See APPEAL, Page 3)

Fiery crash **claims** Pampan

Services were pending today with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors for a Pampa man killed when his tank truck ran off the road Sunday and exploded into flames near Gruver.

Billie Ray Medley, 45, died Sunday afternoon when the truck he was driving ran off the road 15 miles north of Gruver and crashed into a

Department of Public Safety officials said today that Medley was northbound on Farm-to-Market Road 1262 when he apparently lost control of the tractor-trailer rig he was using to haul diesel fuel. hit a guard rail and went off the road into a creek bottom where the rig caught fire.

Mr. Medley was born in Amarillo, graduated from Mobeetie High School in 1975 and had been a long time resident of Pampa. He married Jeannette Summers in December 1983, in Pampa, and was an Army veteran.

He was employed by Leonard Hudson Drilling as a (See CRASH, Page 3)

Just a little off the top, please



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Performing a delicate ballet among the tree tops. Israel Ulloa guides his mobile platform through the foliage of Central Park, trimming branches in preparation for the 20th annual Chautauqua celebration on Labor Day, Sept. 2. Some 50 feet below, his partner, Mark Bolton, feeds the dead branches into a chipper.

City Commission plans meeting Tuesday

conference room as Pampa tourism budget, contract for of properties. The commission

commission chambers. Discussion items for the ing the work session

Pampa City Commission work session are OMI conwill meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday in tract, expansion of the Loan- on the first reading an ordiwork session in the main floor A-Truck program, 2003 nance referring to annexation City Hall followed by a regu- operation of municipal golf will also consider acceptance lar session at 6 p.m. in the city course and current agenda of Texas Municipal League

review. No action is taken dur- workers compensation pro-

Mother jailed in drug find

The 56 year-old mother of a teenager was in Gray County jail today after being arrested on drug charges.

Jamie Morris, 56, of Phoenix, Ariz., remained in Gray County ia I today in lieu of \$100,000 bond after being arrested for possession of a controlled substance near Groom Sunday afternoon.

Shortly before 3 p.m. Sunday, Jexas Department of Public Safety troopers stopped the eastbound rented 2002 Mercury Sable Morris was driving for following too close Officers said Morris gave them verbal permission to search the car

Troopers said they found what they initially thought was marijuana wrapped as a gift in the trunk of the car. Further inspection, officers said, indicated the package was 7.22 pounds of cocaine.

Morris, who initially gave officers an address in Wichita, Kan., as her home, was arrested and brought to the Gray County jail in Pampa. Her 13-year-old son, a passenger in the car, was turned over to juvenile authorities.

Authorities said the case is still under investigation

New band emerges from Pampa garage

BY MAEGAN DYER FOR THE NEWS

Whether by fliers, word of mouth, a giant banner, or an advertisement on the Hasting's marquee, it is quite possible that word is spreading throughout Pampa about a group called "Oblave." But just who it?

It's a band whose five members live in Pampa, love music and, better yet. love to perform. It's a new sound for music and they love rock 'n' roll.

The band members include Richard Conner, lead vocals; A.J. Swope, guitar and backup vocals; John Hahn, guitar; and Zach Cain, drums.

All of the band members attend Pampa High School with the exception of Conner, who graduated in May and will attend Wayland Baptist University this fall.

The band was started by Conner and Swope who started playing together during the 2000 school year. Later that year they met Cain who consequently started a friendship by telling the two

until later that Conner and Swope found this declaration to be a complete fallacy. In 2002, Hahn joined the band as did Cain after learning how to play the drums.

According to the band, the name Oblave is symbolic. The word "lave" means to go against the flow. The "Ob" in Oblave is an abbreviation for the word "obsessively.

Conner says, "Oblave is something different. We have taken a word that no one has ever heard of and have applied our own meaning with our sound."

Hahn adds, "Oblave defines our

Oblave members write all of their own songs and also perform a couple of cover songs by such artists as Pink Floyd. They have recently finished recording their first CD. Oblave recorded with John Holston of Randy's Music Mart at his home studio in Amarillo. Hahn describes this type of recording as "Led Zeppelin style." The group plans on mass producing its CD

he could play the drums. It was not and having it out by September, The title of the CD is "Small Town Glory."

> With summer drawing to an end, Conner will soon be going to college. He says, "the band will do what we have always done, just keep playing." Cain adds, "the band shows a

respect for each other. Oblave sees this as a time to stabilize its sound and then work hard to progress and gain momentum during

the summer of 2003. Our mutual love of music brought us together and will keep us together." says Swope.

The band is appropriately called a "garage band" due to the fact that all of its practices are held in Swope's

The band receives an enormous amount of encouragement from parents, family members, and frienda. All of the members' parents are present at their performances.

Hahn says, "the parents not only give encouragement, but they are our (See OBLAVE, Page 3)



(Courtesy photo

"Oblave" band members writmost of the music they perform. Standing, from left, are members John Hahn, Richard Conner, A.J. Swope and, in front, Zach Cain.

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NEW BOOTHS -- NEW ENTERTAINMENT -- QUALITY EXCITEMENT LABOR DAY, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2002

but Harlingen police said they were taking it seriously. DEATHS

John William Lilly, 56, Pampa native. Billie Ray Medley, 45,

Marrion "Jake" Smith. 83, bookkeeper. Ruth Tarpley, 92, home-

maker, business owner.

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Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa. Mr. Medley, a longtime Pampa resident, was born Aug. 7, 1957, at Amarillo and graduated from Mobeetie High School at Mobeetie in 1975. He married Jeannette Summers in

December of 1983 at Pampa. He drove a truck for Leonard Hudson

Billie Ray Medley, 45, of Pampa died Drilling and was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during peace time.

Survivors include his wife, Jeannette, of the home; a son, Jeremy Medley of Pampa; four brothers, Nelson Medley and Doug Medley, both of Pampa, Ray Medley of Arkansas, and Dennis Medley of Missouri; two sisters, Cindy Young of Colorado and Cynthia Timmons of California; and a grandchild.

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RUTH TARPLEY

1909-2002

Ruth Tarpley, 92, of Pampa, died Saturday, Aug. 24, 2002, in Bedford. Services will be at 2 p.m., Tuesday in First Baptist Church with Dr. Randy White, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

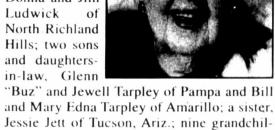
Mrs. Tarpley was born on Dec. 4, 1909, in Oklahoma. She came to Pampa in 1929 from Shamrock. She married Louis Tarpley who preceded her in death in 1962. She and her husband co-owned and operated Tarpley Music Store for many years.

Mrs. Tarpley was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church where she was a member of the Sonshine Club. She organized and served the First Baptist Church High School Senior Banquet for 45

In 1986, she was selected as Beta Sigma Phi's "Woman of the Year." She was a member of the local hospital auxiliary for many

years and was a volunteer for Meals Wheels.

Survivors include daughter and son-in-law, Donna and Jim Ludwick of North Richland Hills; two sons and daughtersin-law, Glenn



The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church, 203 N. West, Pampa, TX 79065; or a favorite charity.

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dren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

JOHN WILLIAM LILLY 1946-2002

John William Lilly, 56, of Pampa, died Thursday, Aug. 22, 2002, at Pampa, Texas. Memorial services will be at 10 a.m., Wednesday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with Dr. Edwin Cooley, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Lilly was born Jan. 9, 1946, in Pampa. He lived in Burbank, Calif., from 1950 until 1982. He graduated from Burroughs High School in Burbank.

Survivors include two daughters, Annette James of Pampa and Sheri Greene of

Calabasas, Calif.; a son, Jeff Lilly of Burbank, Calif.; his mother, Mary Gething Jones of Pampa; his grandmother, Palesteen Drum of Pampa; four grandchildren, Jessica James, Shelby James, and Tristan James, all of Pampa, and Emma Lilly of Burbank; and an uncle and aunt, Bill and Grace Gething of Pampa. He was preceded in death by his brother, George E. Lilly in 1982, and his stepfather, Clifford Jones in 1996.

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MARRION 'JAKE' SMITH

1919-2002

Marrion "Jake" Smith, 83, of Pampa, died Saturday, Aug. 24, 2002. Services will be at 10 a.m., Tuesday in Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel with Ken Burkett officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Smith was born Jan. 17, 1919, in Roberts County. She married Creed Smith on Dec. 31, 1949, at Pampa. She lived in Pampa from 1946 until moving to Clarendon in 1983.

She returned to Pampa in 1999. She worked as a bookkeeper for Brooks Electric from 1947-56 and for G.E. Jones Electric from 1956-82. She was a member of Central Church of

She was preceded in death by five brothers and three sisters.

Survivors include a son, Kirk Smith of Hooker, Okla.; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

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SERVICES TOMORROW

SMITH, Marrion "Jake" — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

TARPLEY, Ruth — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Pampa.

ON RECORD

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Aug. 24

FIRE

10:42 a.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a smoke odor in the 1400 block of East Browning. Source of the odor was not found.

11:07 a.m. - One unit and two firefighters responded to a trash fire, a quarter mile east of Loop 1717 on Gray E.

1:38 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a small fuel spill at Allsup's 140 S. Starkweather.

3:15 p.m. – One unit and three firefighters stood by for LifeStar helicopter at One Medical Plaza.

Sunday, Aug. 25

12:55 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 300 block of North Nelson.

ACCIDENTS

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accident Monday morning. Thursday, Aug. 22

A 2000 Dodge Neon, driven by Jenifer Reina Bentley, 17, 2112 Lea, was in collision with a 1992 Ford pickup driven by Justin Wayne Moler, 17, 1616 N. Faulkner, shortly after noon Thursday at the intersection of Randy Matson and Williston. Bentley was cited for failure to control speed.

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some prison inmates' conversations with

their attorneys, state officials say prisoners

contends that any such monitoring deprives

Justice's own directives recognize "an

absolute right to privacy" during legal visits,

Huntsville-area lawyer Yolanda Torres con-

Civil Liberties Union of Texas' Prison and

Jail Accountability Project, asked that the

department voluntarily evaluate its visitation

practices and respond to the concerns by

Carl Reynolds, general counsel for the

Texas criminal justice agency, responded to

accusations that correctional officers listen in

Wednesday

Torres, litigation director for the American

tended in a letter sent to prison officials.

But the American Civil Liberties Union

The Texas Department of Criminal

will be assured of their privacy.

inmates of a fundamental legal right.

AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance Service reported the following calls during the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Aug. 24

2:50 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Frederic and transported one patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC).

4:59 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one patient to Northwest Texas Hospital (NWTH) in Amarillo. 6:55 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to

the 1500 block of West Kentucky. One patient was transported to PRMC 7:16 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to a

local nursing home. One patient was transported to PRMC

Sunday, Aug. 25

1:02 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of Williston. No patient was transported. 12:26 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to

the 800 block of South Gray. One patient was transported to PRMC.

12:48 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of North Nelson. One patient was transported to PRMC

1:17 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one patient to NWTH.

SHERIFF

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests during the 48hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Sunday, Aug. 25

Janie Morris, 56, Wichita, Kan., was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers and charged with possession of marijuana.

Michael Touchet, 17, 1324 Williston, was arrested by Pampa police officers and charged with failure to appear and minor in possession.

Tighe Allen Brown, 18, Odessa, was arrested by Gray County deputies on warrants out of Ector County charging him with theft and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Jeffery Gugenheim, 35, Amarillo, was arrested by Gray County deputies on a warrant charging him with tampering with government documents.

Kermit Kenneth Hartley, Jr., 33, 1133 S. Dwight, was arrested by Pampa police officers on a municipal warrant charging him with disorderly conduct.

We hope and believe that these instances

are isolated," said Reynolds. "This is clearly

contrary to policy, and we intend to place

greater emphasis on the issue in training line-

tening in on telephone calls between attor-

neys and their clients is contrary to a recent-

ly amended policy. However, he acknowl-

edged it "may not be such an isolated prob-

lem" and said that the agency intends to

through training and through the chain of

"strongly reinforce the change in policy

The ACLU's letter also discussed the need

for more visitation booths for attorneys and

their clients and the lack of "pass-through

slots" for documents in visitation booths.

particularly in older prison units.

Reynolds said the practice of officers lis-

complaints about the agency.

Inmátes assured privacy, prisons say

CARSON CO. SHERIFF

Seven persons were booked into the ounces but less than five pounds; Carson County Jail during the week of Aug. 19-25. Currently, there are eight persons incarcerated in the jail and additional 12 prisoners are being held in other jurisdictions.

Arrests made this week:

Delbert Morris, 60, Amarillo, engaging in organized criminal activity;

Gene Rogers, 41, Skellytown, commitment on driving while intoxicated, third or more; Richard Howe, 27, Oklahoma City, Okla.,

possession of marijuana more than four intoxicated, first offense.

Michael Green, 42, Oklahoma City, Okla.

possession of marijuana more than four ounces but less than five pounds;

Shawn Gowie, 25, Bronx, N.Y., possession of marijuana more than five pounds but less than 50 pounds;

Darren Herbert, 39, Decatur, Ga., possession of marijuana more than five pounds but less than 50 pounds;

Cassie Luther, 18, Perryton, driving while

POLICE

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Friday, Aug. 23

An unattended death was reported at the of Garland. Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Two-way radios were reported taken from were reported taken from a garage and storconstruction vehicles in the 800 block of North Hobart.

A timing light was reported stolen in the 200 block of North Rider. United Supermarket reported forgeries

totaling over \$1,000.

Saturday, Aug. 24

An air conditioner was reportedly stolen out of a window in the 600 block of North

Cash was reported stolen in the 1900 block of North Williston.

Sunday, Aug. 25

Phone harassment was reported in the 600 South Clark.

block of North Wells.

The sexual assault of a 5-year-old was reported in the 1100 block of Sierra.

A runaway was reported in the 1100 block Almost \$5,000 in antiques and home items

age shed in the 1800 block of Beech. Drug paraphernalia was found in the 1800

block of North Charles. A gas drive off was reported at the

Allsup's, 140 S. Starkweather.

A simple assault was reported in the 800 block of South Gray. A threat was reported in the 600 block of

North Lefors. Two vehicles sustained minor vandalism in the 3000 block of Rosewood.

Monday, Aug. 26 A threat was made in the 1000 block of

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today's forecast calls for mostly cloudy in the afternoon with a slight chance of thunderstorms, some possibly severe, highs in the middle 90s, and southeast winds 10 to 15 mph with a 20 percent chance of precipitation.' Tonight should be partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms, lows around 70, southeast winds 10 to 15 mph, and a 30 percent chance of precipitation. Tuesday should be partly cloudy. Slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs around 90. East winds 15 to 20 mph. Chance of precipitation 20 percent. Tuesday night, mostly

cloudy. Chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the middle 60s. East winds 15 to 20 mph. Chance of precipitation 30 per-Wednesday, mostly cent. cloudy. Slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the middle 80s. East winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 20 percent. Wednesday night, mostly cloudy. Chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the middle 60s. Chance of precipitation 30 percent. Thursday, partly cloudy. Slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs around 90. Chance of precipitation 20 percent. Thursday night, partly cloudy. Chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the middle 60s. Chance of precipitation 30 percent. Friday, partly cloudy. Slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs around 90. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

STATEWIDE

Thunderstorms moved across the Red River overnight, drenching parts of North Texas as a high-pressure dome weakened.

The storms that formed over southwestern Oklahoma produced frequent lightning and heavy rainfall along the Texas side of the Red River in Fannin, Grayson, Cooke and Montague counties.

Skies elsewhere across the state early Monday were clear to partly cloudy. Some high clouds covered the panhandle. Early-morning temperatures

ranged from 61 degrees at Marfa to 85 at Galveston. Other readings included 82 degrees at Abilene.

Winds were easterly to southerly at 5 to 15 mph.

The National Weather Service forecast called for clear. to partly cloudy conditions through Wednesday with isolated showers and thunderstorms possible across the region.

Daytime highs through Wednesday should range from the 90s across the Panhandle and the northern sections of West Texas and 100 to 105 across southern sections of West Texas through near 108 along the Rio Grande.

Lows overnight will be in the 60s and 70s.

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Cheney: Iraq attack could come sooner, not later

White House lawyers have told President Bush he would need congressional approval to attack Saddam Hussein's Iraq.

Vice President Dick Cheney suggested Monday that such action could come sooner rather than later,

"We will not simply look away, hope for the best and leave the matter for some future administration to resolve," Cheney told a Veterans of Foreign Wars convention in Nashville.

Two senior administration officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said White House counsel Al Gonzales advised Bush earlier this surging caution in confronting

In his Nashville remarks, Cheney made a strongly worded case for toppling Saddam. "This nation will not live at the mercy of terror-

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Oblave works hard to finance the effort. Most of the money made comes from the sale of concert tickets, Tshirts, and in the future, CDs. There are also other fundraising attempts being made. One future event will be a garage sale.

The family members and friends of the group have consolidated a collection of items to be placed in the sale in hopes of bringing in more needed funds.

The date for the garage sale has not yet been set, but there will be postings around town advertising the event in the

"Oblave's" debut was made on May 31 at the Pampa Optimist Club, and the second was held July 6 at Hastings in Pampa. This past Saturday they were to play in Amarillo.

CRAWFORD (AP) — to wage war without explicit authority from Congress.

> Even so, advisers to the vacationing president said political considerations could prompt Bush to seek a nod from lawmakers anyway.

ists or terror regimes," Cheney said.

the face of a mortal threat is to give in to wishful thinking or willful blindness," he added. Cheney said he recognized that many, including some prominent Republicans, were

CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE

Conner says the group will play "wherever someone will let us." Word of mouth is the best way for the band to hear of a performance location.

Probably the most important aspect of Oblave is its style of music and where the members get the inspiration for the music they write. Swope and Cain agree that rock 'n' roll is the style they

Swope speaks for the group when he says, "we are inspired by all of the great rock and rollers of the past. Aerosmith, Led Zeppelin, Pink Floyd, Joe Satriani, Zakk Wylde all have depth to their sound and make rock 'n' roll what it is today."

"Everyday experiences and musical influences," according to Conner, "have shaped who we are.'

And Swope says, "it is our style of music, our heroes and influences musically that give energy and power to our

"deeply flawed" logic.

Inaction "could have devastating consequences for many countries, including our own," he said.

"Any decision the president may make on a hypothetical congressional vote will be guided by more than one factor," said White House spokesman Ari Fleischer, who declined to confirm that Bush had received an opinion from Gonzales on the matter.

"The president will consider a variety of legal, policy and historical issues if a vote were to become a relevant matter. He intends to consult with Congress because Congress has an important role to play."

Despite the go-ahead from his legal advisers, administration officials said the president has not ruled out seeking lawmakers' approval if he decides to attack Iraq.

The officials noted that Bush's father was told in advance of the 1991 war that he did not need congressional authority to act, but nonetheless sought Congress' blessing for his action.

One of the officials said Gonzales also concluded the current president has authority to act against Saddam under the congressional resolution that authorized his father's actions in the 1991 Gulf War. Saddam has not complied with the terms that ended that war, the official said.

Furthermore, the official said Bush was told he also could act against Iraq on the strength of the Sept. 14 congressional resolution approving military action against ter-

Both of the officials said Bush had not decided whether to use military force against Saddam.

Still, the existence of a legal opinion — along with earlier reports that the Pentagon is drafting attack plans - reflect the seriousness of preparations within the highest reaches of government to pave way for war against Iraq if Bush so chooses.

The legal advice became public Sunday as Republicans sounded a mixed message for Bush about whether, when and how to use military action to remove Saddam from power.

The Bush administration's policy is that Saddam is trying to develop weapons of mass destruction and is refusing to allow international inspectors to find and destroy them, as Iraq agreed to do after the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

Rep. Tom DeLay of Texas said Sunday the decision to act is the commander in chief's, but he expects Bush to consult with Congress first.

"The president says he's going to consult with the Congress, and he has. The president has taken the advice of many of us in Congress; he wants input from Congress,' DeLay said. "He has said he's going to come to Congress when he decides what needs to be done and when it needs to be done, and I expect him to do that."

While saying Bush properly "is trying to keep the (anti-Iraq) coalition together," DeLay rejected a suggestion by former Secretary of State James A. Baker III that Bush first get a resolution of support from the U.N. Security Council.

The president answers only to the American people through Congress, DeLay

Baker, secretary of state to President Bush's father, wrote in Sunday's New York Times that a Security Council resolution was necessary as political cover for any U.S. military action.

"The only realistic way to effect regime change in Iraq. is through the application of military force," Baker wrote.

But he added: "Although the United States could certainly succeed, we should try our best not to have to go it alone, and the president should reject the advice of those who counsel doing so. The costs in all areas will be much greater, as will the political risks.

More remains found at home

OREGON CITY, Ore. (AP) - An FBI agent said the mystery of two Oregon girls who disappeared from their apartment complex appeared to be solved after officials searching a neighbor's home identified the body of one girl and found a second set of remains.

Police said the unidentified second body was found in a barrel beneath a cement slab Ward Weaver poured after the disappearance of 13year-old Miranda Gaddis and Ashley Pond, who was 12 when she vanished.

"Obviously, this is a very sad conclusion to this investigation," said Charles Mathews, the FBI's special agent in charge in Oregon. "On the other hand, I think the case has been resolved."

Weaver has not been charged, but Mathews said Sunday that he is a suspect in the case. It was the first time any law enforcement official has identified him a suspect.

Weaver, 39, told reporters months ago he was a subject in the investigation but denied any involvement in the disappearance.

Agents discovered remains Saturday of one body stashed in a shed behind the house, and on Sunday said they belonged to Miranda. They did not immediately identify the remains found Sunday.

Miranda's mother, Michelle Duffey, was, "devastated," when she heard the news, her attorney, Linda Beloof, told ABC News.

"She had never given up hope that her hood in the woods south of Portland.

daughter would come home safely," Beloof

Weaver agreed to the search because he wanted to "bring closure to the families," his attorney, Timothy Lyons, told The Oregonian. Lyons did not elaborate.

Lyons would not comment Sunday, but his assistant said they were spending the day, "getting organized.

Weaver has been jailed since Aug. 13 when he was charged with raping his 19-year-old son's girlfriend. The angry and distraught son told 911 dispatchers on the night of the alleged rape that his father had confessed to killing Ashley and Miranda.

Weaver said Ashley was a friend of his daughter who frequently stayed overnight at their house. He said she had even lived at the home for several months last year while her own father was in jail on charges of sexually abusing

Ashley's mother, Lori Pond, recently told the Portland Tribune that Weaver was lying when he said her daughter lived with him for several months. Records show the girl's father, Wesley Roettger, did plead no contest to sexual abuse and was sentenced to six years' probation.

Her family last saw her on Jan. 9 eating breakfast with her younger sister before school. Miranda, a friend of Ashley's, disappeared March 8 from the same low-income neighbor-

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and NPD both responded the three commissioners' review was-

On Friday, Aug. 23, the TNRCC General Counsel declined to place motions to overturn an application for the NPD swine facility registration near Pampa on the TNRCC commissioners' agenda, ending the appeals process with the state agency.

Lewis said several ACCORD members plan to work on changing the laws concerning Confined Animal Feeding Operations in upcoming legislative sessions.

A chapter of ACCORD was formed in Pampa following the July 10, 2001, announcement that NPD planned to build in the area. It is a branch of the Perryton ACCORD group. Lewis said approximately 50 residents are active in the local group.

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permits, registrations, or any other paperwork or transactions between the public and the TNRCC prior to Sept. 1, 2002.

The TCEQ will have the same powers, duties, rights, and obligations as the TNRCC.

Officials with the agency said many of the forms, documents and Web pages will continue to refer to the TNRCC for a short period of time while the new name change is phased in.

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truck driver.

Survivors include his wife, Jeannette, of the home; a son, Jeremy Medley of Pampa; four brothers, Nelson and Doug Medley of Pampa, Ray Medley of Arkansas and Dennis Medley of Missouri; two sisters, Cindy Young of Colorado and Cynthia Timmons of California, and one granddaughter.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Couple Worries the Absence Won't **Make Hearts Grow Fonder**

DEAR ABBY: I have been with my boyfriend, "Hoyt," for just under two years. I am 17 and he is 19. We have a wonderful relationship. Welaugh, cry, fight, and every day seem to grow together as a couple. We love each other very much and want to be together for the rest of our lives. But there's a problem: We are at a point where we need

to focus on our futures. Ideally for me. I'd spend four years at an East Coast art school. Hoyt needs to stay on the West Coast and develop his musical career. We want to be together, but we also know it's important for each of us to develop our talents to the fullest.

Hoyt wants me to go to art school, and I want him to be the professional musician he dreams of being. However, the thought of being 3,000 miles away from each other for four years scares and depresses us both.

Abby, do you think it is possible for us to follow our dreams without losing the love we have for each other? FOUND TRUE LOVE

IN OREGON

DEAR FOUND TRUE LOVE: 1 certainly do. With your level of maturity and concern for each other's futures, you can make a long-distance romance work. You can communicate via e-mail, phone calls and letters, and see each other on vacations and holidays. Sharing how you are each progressing toward your dreams will draw you closer.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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DEAR ABBY: My fiance's 13year-old daughter, "Cameron," stays in our home one night a week and every other weekend. She has decided to hang in her bedroom a huge framed picture of her parents taken on their wedding day. (Her mother has since remarried.)

I suggested to my fiance that perhaps Cameron could put the picture up in her room at her mother's, since seeing it every day is annoving for me.

My fiance says I am out of line even to suggest such a thing - that it's Cameron's bedroom, and what's the big deal, anyway? No doubt her mother wouldn't

allow it being displayed in her

home, as it would be disrespectful to her current husband. Well, I don't want it up in our home, because l consider it disrespectful to me. Am I out of line, Abby? Please

help settle this. TICKED OFF

IN SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

DEAR TICKED-OFF: I agree with your fiance. Cameron's bottle as a house gift - but bedroom is her private refuge, please don't let that ruin a budand as long as it's kept clean, it ding friendship. should be the way she wants it. And that includes the picture of both of her parents taken in happier days. I urge you to rethink your stance on this, and to develop a more loving and

DEAR ABBY: I am an older bachelor who recently moved into a new home. I invited my neighbors -a young married couple — over for a home-cooked meal. They brought with them a lovely bottle of wine.

I plan my dinners down to the last detail - including selecting just the right wine to go with the meal. To make a long story short, I did not serve the wine my guests brought for our dinner.

After thanking me for a wonder-ful meal and a delightful evening, they took the bottle of wine they had given me and went home! I didn't say anything, but am I wrong to be appalled by their rude behavior? MR. NICE GUY IN TULSA

DEAR MR. NICE GUY: Give your neighbors the benefit of the doubt. Although you were under no obligation to serve their wine with the meal you carefully planned, they are a young couple and may have thought you didn't like their

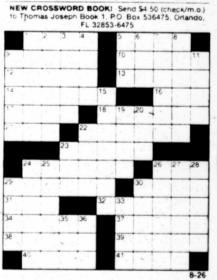
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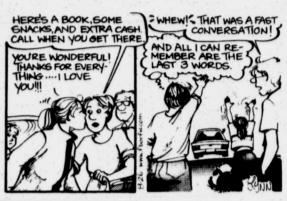
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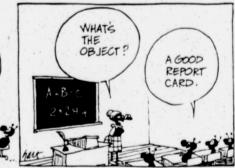












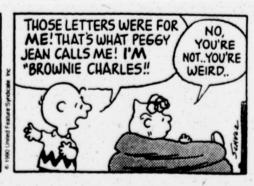
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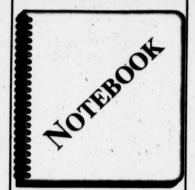
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MIDLAND, Texas (AP) — Tag Ridings holed a 138-yard shot for eagle to beat Mark Hensby on the first hole of a playoff in the Buy.Com Tour's Permian Basin Open.

"I feel like I won the lottery except for the fact that I got gypped out of winning \$70 million," Ridings said. "This is unbelievable. I couldn't have dreamed it up any better."

Ridings, who closed with a 3-under 69 to match Hensby (71) at 16-under 272 on Midland Country Club course, holed out with his pitching wedge after Hensby hit his second shot to 15 feet.

"Those things happen from time to time," Hensby

HORSE RACING

DEL MAR, Calif. (AP)

 War Emblem caught a bad break again and was upset by Came Home in the \$1 million Pacific Classic at Del Mar.

War Emblem, the 6-5 wagering-favorite, finished sixth in his first race against older horses. Came Home, the only other 3year-old in the race, defeated Momentum by threequarters of a length.

BASEBALL

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S. WILLIAMSPORT (AP) Aaron Alvey put the United States back on top at

the Little League World Series. Alvey hit a 250-foot home run in the first inning,

set two pitching records and tied a third as Louisville, Ky., beat Sendai, Japan, 1-0 on Sunday night in the championship game.

"It was 68 mph down the middle," Alvey said of the homer. "It was belthigh, so it was going to get crushed."

Then, with two outs in the sixth, a clearly nervous Alvey walked Yoosuke Katoh. That brought up Tatsuhiko Numakura, who had three home runs in the series. But Numakura's line drive was caught by first baseman Casey Jordan to end the game.

Alvey let out a huge sigh of relief, and even Jordan wasn't sure he'd made the

"I was like, 'Have I got it? Have I got it?" Jordan said. "I just had to pull it down, see it first."

Alvey struck out 11 on his way to setting World Series records for strikeouts (44) and scoreless innings (21) and tying the mark for consecutive no-hit innings (12).

"Me and my teammates worked really hard since it started," Alvey said. "Me and my teammates are really, really happy that this hap-pened."

experienced Alvey shoulder pain midway through the game, and received heat treatments in the dugout.

"My shoulder starting hurting a little bit, then it started feeling good," he said. "I went back out there to do my thing."

Louisville is the first U.S. team to win the title since Toms River, N.J., beat Kashima, Japan, 12-9 in 1998.

Cavalier sees both good, bad at scrimmage

Dennis Cavalier saw both the good and the bad in Saturday's final scrimmage against Frenship.

'It was obvious that Frenship was a better football team than we are, but that's not to say we didn't do some good things. I was pleased with our conditioning and our tackling was better, but we're still not where we need to be," Cavalier said.

Pampa's defense gave up some long scoring plays, twice on passes and another on a run.

"Both passes were miscue-type things. We just didn't have anybody near the receiver. But that's the benefit of a scrimmage. The score doesn't count and you can correct some things that hopefully will benefit us Friday night."

Pampa's offense picked up some big yardage at times, but had trouble sustaining drives.

"We had problems with breakdowns on protection" Cavalier added.

Frenship is considered as the team to beat again in District 4-4A this season. The Tigers are the defending district champions.

Cavalier received some good news last week about Pampa's first scrimmage against Wichita Falls Hirschi.

"It looks like he's going

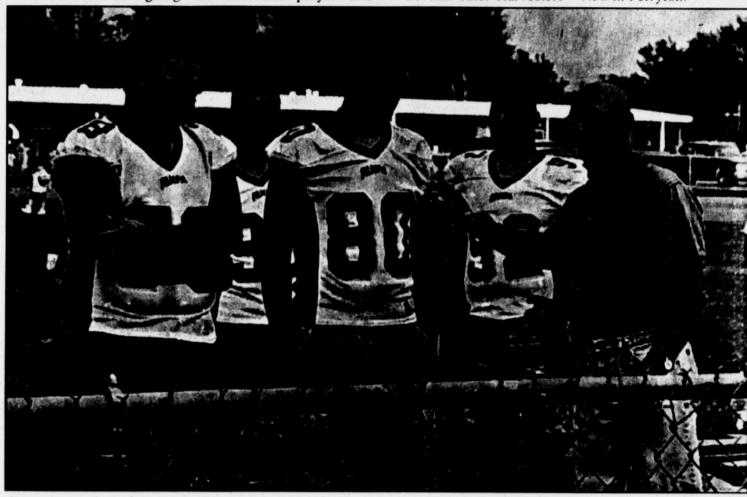
- Coach starting safety Tristan to be back a week earlier we've been without him for are still on the injured list, Brown, who suffered a dis- than we thought. The bone awhile," Cavalier said. located finger prior to had broken through the skin on the finger, but he's supremoved today. Tristan is an excellent player and

Cavalier is hopeful Brown will suit up for posed to have the stitches Friday's opener against Perryton.

Several other Harvesters

including 'Jerrod Carruth. Dannie Meza and James Lee

The Harvesters open the 2002 season Friday night at 7:30 in Perryton.



PHS head coach Dennis Cavalier introduces first-year player Ryan Zemanek (80) to the crowd at Meet the Harvesters night last week at Harvester Stadium. Zemanek, a senior, plays both basketball and baseball, but this is his first year to suit up for football.

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Saturday of 15 to 40 percent.

Stanton said.

Players proposed rates

"The deal is there," Yankees

player representative Mike

Owners make some moves toward players

NEW YORK (AP) - Four er Bud Selig, his side decided days before the strike deadline, baseball players and owners were taking tiny steps toward each other.

A day after criticizing players, owners made a new economic proposal Sunday that age to do the same thing." moved toward the union in an effort to head off a strike later this week.

Players, who have set Friday deadline for a walkout, called the economic plan slight progress, and union head Donald Fehr said "the differences continue to be narrowed."

amount of local revenue they want teams to share. They also for steroid use, where the sides remain apart on details.

small movements in those areas, the luxury tax thresholds remain very, very low and constitute a big problem for us at this point," he said. When combined, he said the revenue sharing and luxury tax plans still look "very much

like a salary cap." So baseball remains faced with its ninth work stoppage since 1972, one that could further antagonize fans fed up with the sport's near-constant fights over money.

On Saturday night, management negotiators severely criticized the union for proposing the revenue-sharing increases be phased in, using the most harsh language since talks began in January.

Rob Manfred, the owners' top labor lawyer, said that after consultation with commission-

"the best way to find out if they were serious about making an agreement was to put whatever happened last night to one side and make a forthcoming proposal and see if they could man-

On revenue sharing, owners proposed that teams share 36 percent of their locally generated revenue, up from 20 percent this year. The teams' previous plan was 37 percent, and the union moved up to 33.3 percent in its Saturday proposal.

Using 2001 revenue figures for analysis, the owners' plan Owners raised their thresh-would transfer \$263 million olds for a luxury tax and low- annually from baseball's richest ered their proposed tax rates, teams to its poorest. Because the and also slightly decreased the union's proposal was to phase in changes — a concept owners object to and say was not made a new proposal on testing brought up until recently — the players' proposal would transfer \$172.3 million in 2003, \$195.6 "While they did make some million in 2004, \$219 million in 2005 and \$242.3 million in

> "From our point, phase-ins are going to be integral parts of

> this deal," Fehr said. On the luxury tax, designed to slow spending by high-payroll teams, the owners previously proposed to tax the portions of payrolls above \$102 million. On Sunday, they increased their threshold to \$107 million in the first three years of the new contract and to \$111 million in

2006. Players have proposed thresholds of \$125 million next year, \$135 million in 2004, \$145 million in 2005 and no tax in the final season of the deal.

Owners lowered most of their proposed tax rates by 2.5 percent Sunday, proposing a team be taxed at 35 percent the

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By DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

SAMMAMISH, (AP) — Tiger Woods was partially responsible for Craig Parry even getting to play in the NEC Invitational.

Once the final round began, Parry didn't need anyone's help.

In his 236th start over 10 years, Parry made his first PGA Tour victory a big one, capturing the \$5 million World Golf Championship event with a flawless final round of 65 for a four-stroke victory over Robert Allenby and Fred Funk.

"It's a long time coming," said Parry, who didn't make a bogev over his final 48 holes at Sahalee Country Club. "To win on this tour means everything to me.'

Parry became the only player besides Woods to win the NEC Invitational, and he has Woods to thank for the opportunity.

After three years as a tournament for only Ryder Cup and Presidents Cup players, the field was expanded to include the top 50 in the world, along with winners of top events on other tours.

Parry won the New Zealand Open, which ordinaril isn't a top event. It was this year because Woods, the No. I player, decided to play for a \$2 million as a favor to Steve Williams, his Kiwi caddie.

"If Tiger doesn't play in New Zealand, I'm not here," Parry said. "Stevie left me a note about that in my locker."

Just don't expect Parry to give Woods any of his \$1 million check.

"He doesn't need the money." Parry said.

No: but Parry desperately needed this victory

This is his 10th full season on the PGA Tour, and the 36year-old Aussie figured he would have won by now. He and finished fourth with a 68

HOUSTON (AP)

finishing more games.

Pedro Borbon wouldn't mind

. Borbon struck out three

batters in the ninth and got

his first save since Aug. 20.

2000, when he was with

Toronto as the Houston

Cincinnati Reds 1-0 Sunday.

"It was a good feeling."

Borbon said. "I had my

adrenaline pumping with the

crowd standing for the last

guys like to close. The most

exciting thing is to get those

Rookie Kirk Saarloos (6-

3) allowed four hits in seven

innings. He struck out five

and walked two, winning for

the first time in three deci-

handers, who have a .247

batting average against him.

and normally pitches in the

middle innings, often facing

only one or two batters. But

the Reds lineup, laced heavi-

Borbon usually faces left-

sions since Aug. 10.

I see now why a lot of

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certainly had his chances.

He had a three-stroke lead with 15 holes to play in the 1992 Masters until he let a pro-Fred Couples gallery bother him and he shot 78 to tie for 13th.

Parry held a one-stroke lead with seven holes to play in the 1999 British Open until taking a triple bogey on No. 12 at Carnoustie, a double bogey on No. 17, and finishing one stroke out of the playoff.

Tom Lehman beat him at the '95 Colonial with birdies on the last two holes. Phil Mickelson stole one a year later at the Byron Nelson by chipping in for eagle on the 16th.

"I always knew it was a matter of time," Parry said. He never had reason to

doubt Sunday. Starting the final round tied with Allenby - with Woods, Ernie Els and Mickelson among those close behind — the cheers that

echoed through the tree-lined

fairways at Sahalee belonged

almost exclusively to Parry. He birdied the second hole from 6 feet, rolled in a 12foot birdie on the next hole and then hit a 9-iron into about 12 inches on the fourth hole.

Parry had a three-stroke lead, and no one else had a

"He put on a clinic on the par-5 18th hole, Parry could no longer contain a sly smile. "You beauty," Parry thought to himself.

It was every bit of that.

"To put himself in contention like that and go out and shoot a bogey-free round is pretty impressive," Woods said.

Woods was trying to become the first player in 75 years to win the same tournament four years in a row. Starting the final round two strokes behind, he simply couldn't keep pace with Parry

Astros' Borbon gets first save since 2000

ly with left-handers, afforded

him the opportunity to stay

Austin Kearns and struck out

lefties Ken Griffey, Adam

Dunn and Sean Casey in the

ninth for the save. But he

doesn't think he's going to

take the job of closer Billy

Wagner, who wasn't avail-

able Sunday because he

pitched in the last two

Borbon said. "I'll take any

opportunity I can get. But

everyone knows I'm not that

kind of pitcher. They just had

several lefties in there. I was

thinking Dunn was due

against me. He's a great hit-

ter who can change a game

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nothing like being a closer."

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It was the eighth shutout

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Borbon gave up a double

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- five strokes back.

"I just didn't make enough birdies," he said. A 19-time winner overseas, Parry thought his career would have been lacking without a victory on the PGA Tour, which has the deepest and strongest fields.

"These are the best players in the world," Parry said. "It will sink in, obviously, in a couple of weeks' time. At the moment, I'm just very happy to win.'

Parry, a stocky 5-foot-6 known as "Popeye" for his powerful forearms, became the second player this year to win his first PGA Tour event at one of the \$5 million World Golf Championships.

Kevin Sutherland won his first tour event at the Match Play Championship in February with a 1-up victory at La Costa.

Only this final round wasn't even close.

"When I was up three birdies, that put enough pressure on the other guys," Parry said. "I felt as though I played smart golf this week.'

There was no stopping him Sunday on a gray, cool afternoon at Sahalee, an Indian word that means, "High, Heavenly Ground.'

Parry was walking on clouds when he ripped a 3wood into the green on the par-5 18th and tapped in for a

"I'm just very lucky at the moment," Parry said. "Hopefully, I'll have a little more confidence with my golf game, knowing I can finish the job off."

Allenby finished strong, too, closing with four straight birdies.

Woods failed in his bid to become the first player since Hagen (PGA Championship, 1924-27) to win the same event four years in a row. His next chance comes in March at the Bay Hill Invitational.

"If somebody had told me

we'd have eight shutouts and

all of them here I wouldn't

have believed it," manager

Jimy Williams said. "So it's

35th home run of the season.

a career high, but said the

would mean more if I was in

my seventh year or some-

thing," Berkman said. "But

I've just been playing full-

time for two years, so it's not

anyway. Helping the team

win is the name of the game.

On a day like today when the

home run turns out to be

huge, hitting one is much

more important. A career

high home run doesn't mean

Ryan Dempster (7-13) was

very effective. He allowed

only two hits and four walks

in seven innings.

Except for the home run,

as much as one like this."

"They are just numbers

number isn't that special.

Lance Berkman hit his

"I guess a career high

Maid Park.

not the park.

that big a deal.

SCOREBOARD

	BASE	DALL		
	National			
		lance		
By The Associated	Press			
All Times EDT				
East Division				
	w	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	82	47	.636	_
Montreal	65	65	.500	17 1/2
Philadelphia	64	65	.496	18
Florida	63	67	.485	19 1/2
New York	60	69	.465	22
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	71	57	.555	_
Houston	69	61	.531	3
Cincinnati	64	65	.496	7 1/2
Pittsburgh	58	73	.443	14 1/2
Chicago	54	74	.422	17
Milwaukee	44	85	.341	27 1/2
West Division		, , ,		
	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	83	47	.638	_
Los Angeles	75	55	.577	8
San Francisco	71	58	.550	11 1/2
Colorado	61	69	.469	22
	55	75	.423	28

BACEBALL

Saturday's Games incinnati 5, Houston 3, 11 innings Montreal 7, San Francisco 2 Los Angeles 4, Atlanta 3 Chicago Cubs 4, Arizona 0 Pittsburgh 17, Milwaukee 10 N.Y. Mets 5, Colorado 2 Philadelphia 4, St. Louis 0 Florida 8, San Diego 4 unday's Games Pittsburgh 3, Milwaukee 2

hiladelphia 5, St. Louis 3 Houston 1, Cincinnati 0 N.Y. Mets 7, Colorado 4 San Francisco 8, Montreal 4 Arizona 7, Chicago Cubs 0 Florida 7, San Diego 6 Atlanta 7. Los Angeles 5

Monday's Games Chicago Cubs (Prior 6-4) at Milwaukee (Sheets 7-15), 8:05 p.m. San Francisco (Rueter 11-7) at Colorado (Cook 0-0), 9:05 p.m. Arizona (Schilling 21-4) at Los Angeles (Daal 10-6), 10:10 p.m. Tuesday's Game St. Louis (Finley 4-3) at Cincinnati (Moehler 2-3), 1:10 p.m., 1st

Atlanta (Millwood 13-6) at Pittsburgh (Fogg 11-9), 7:05 p.m. N.Y. Mets (Thomson 7-11) at Florida (Tejera 8-5), 7:05 p.m. Montreal (Yoshii 4-5) at Philadelphia (Roa 2-1), 7:05 p.m St. Louis (Simontacchi 9-4) at Cincinnati (Dessens 7-5), 7:10

Chicago Cubs (Smyth 1-2) at Milwaukee (Osting 1-1), 8:05 p.m San Diego (Bynum 1-0) at Houston (C.Hernandez 6-4), 8:05

San Francisco (Jensen 11-8) at Colorado (Stark 9-3), 9:05 p.m. Arizona (Batista 7-7) at Los Angeles (Nomo 12-6), 10:10 p.m.

American League

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All Times EDT				
East Division				
	w	L	Pct	GB
New York	80	48	.625	_
Boston	73	55	.570	7
Baltimore	63	66	.488	17 1/2
Toronto	56	73	.434	24 1/2
Tampa Bay	43	87	.331	38
Central Divisio	on			
	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	78	. 54	.591	_
Chicago	61	69	.469	16
Cleveland	56	73	.434	20 1/2
Kansas City	53	. 78	.405	24 1/2
Detroit	49	81	.377	28
West Division			1 1 1	
	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	80	51	.611	_
Anaheim	77	52	.597	2
Seattle	78	53	.595	. 2
Texas	57	71	.445	21 1/2

Saturday's Games Cleveland 5, Seattle 3 Anaheim 2, Boston 0 Toronto 4. Baltimore 1, 1st game oronto 8, Baltimore 3, 2nd game Minnesota 6, Kansas City 5 N.Y. Yankees 3, Texas 2 Oakland 12 Detroit 3 Chicago White Sox 5, Tampa Bay 2 Sunday's Games Anaheim 8, Boston 3 Texas 6. N.Y. Yankees Seattle 12. Cleveland 4 Toronto 5, Baltimore 2 Oakland 10, Detroit 7

Kansas City 4. Minnesota 2

hicago White Sox 8. Tampa Bay 3 Monday's Games Texas (Rogers 12-6) at N.Y. Yankees (O.Hernandez 6-3), 1:05 Anaheim (Ortiz 10-9) at Boston (Burkett 10-7), 7:05 p.m. Detroit (Sparks 8-12) at Cleveland (R.Rodriguez 0-1), 7:05 p.m.

Oakland (Lidle 7-9) at Kansas City (May 3-8), 8:05 p.m.

Toronto (Halladay 14-6) at Chicago White Sox (Parque 1-3), Tuesday's Games N.Y. Yankees (D. Wells 14-6) at Boston (Fossum 2-2), 7:05 p.m. Detroit (Redman 7-12) at Cleveland (Phillips 1-2), 7:05 p.m. Seattle (Valdes 7-9) at Minnesota (Mays 2-5), 8:05 p.m. Baltimore (Lopez 14-5) at Texas (Reyes 1-1), 8:05 Oakland (Lidle 7-9) at Kansas City (May 3-8), 8:05 p.m Toronto (Smith 0-3) at Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 16-9), 8:05

Tampa Bay (V.Zambrano 5-5) at Anaheim (Lackey 5-3), 10:05

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At A Glance				
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Eastern Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Wichita (Royals)	40	23	.635	_
x-Tulsa (Rangers)	33	30	.524	7
Shreveport (Giants)	25	37	.403	14 1/2
Arkansas (Angels)	19	44	.302	. 21
Western Division				
	w	L	Pct.	GB
San Antonio(Mariners)	37	26	.587	-
Midland (Athletics)	33	29	.532	3 1/2

x-Round Rock(Astros) x-won first half

El Paso(Diamondbacks) 33

Sunday's Games Arkansas 4, El Paso 3, 10 innings San Antonio 1, Tulsa 0 Wichita 8, Round Rock 2 Monday's Games El Paso at Arkansas Midland at Shreveport, 1st game Midland at Shreveport, 2nd game Tulsa at San Anton Wichita at Round Rock Tuesday's Games El Paso at Arkansas

Midland at Shreveport

Tulsa at San Anto

Wichita at Round Rock Little League World Series Glance By The Associated Press All Times EDT

Pool A - United States: x-Worcester, Mass. (2-1); x-Fort Worth, Texas (2-1); Waipahu, Hawaii (2-1); Webb City, Mo. (0-Pool B - United States: x-Louisville, Ky. (3-0); x-Harlem,

N Y. (2-1); Aptos, Calif (1-2); Clemmons, N.C. (0-3)

Pool C — International: x-Valencia, Venezuela (2-1); x-Agana, Guam (2-1); Dhahran, Saudi Arabia (2-1); North Regina, askatchewan (0-3) Pool D - International: x-Sendai, Japan (3-0); x-Curacao, Netherlands Antilles (2-1); Monterrey, Mexico (1-2); Moscow,

Russia (0-3) x-advanced to pool semifinals Friday, Aug. 16 Waipahu, Hawaii 3, Worcester, Mass. 2 Dhahran, Saudi Arabia 3, North Regina, Saskatchewan 2, 7

Fort Worth, Texas I, Webb City, Mo. 0 urday, Aug. 17 Valencia, Venezuela 11, Agana, Guam 1, 5 innings ouisville, Ky. 4, Aptos, Calif. I Harlem, N.Y. 9, Clemmons, N.C. 3 Curacao, Netherlands Antilles 10, M

Sendai, Japan 7, Moscow, Russia, 0 Worcester, Mass. 2, Webb City, Mo. I

Aptos, Calif. 11, Clemmons, N.C. & Fort Worth, Texas 8, Waipahu, Hawaii 0 Agana, Guam 9, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia 6 Louisville, Ky. 2, Harlem, N.Y. 0 Monterrey, Mexico 4, Moscow, Russia 3 Monday, Aug. 19 Curacao, Netherlands Antilles 13, Moscow, Russia 0, 4

Vorcester, Mass. 6, Fort Worth, Texas 0 Sendai, Japan 11, Monterrey, Mexico 0, 4 innings Valencia, Venezuela 9, North Regina, Saskatchewan 3 Waipahu, Hawaii 2, Webb City, Mo. 1

Tuesday, Aug. 20
Sendai, Japan 5, Curacao, Netherlands Antilles 0
Agana, Guam 12, North Regina, Saskatchewan 7
Harlem, N.Y. 5, Aptos, Calif. 2 Dhahran, Saudi Arabia 6, Valencia, Venezuela 5 Louisville, Kv. 4, Clemmons, N.C. 2 Wednesday, Aug. 21
International Semifinal: Sendai, Japan 10, Agana, Guam 0,

U.S. Semifinal: Louisville, Ky. 2, Fort Worth, Texas 1, 11 innings Thursday, Aug. 22

International Semi Valencia, Venezuela 0 al Semifinal: Curacao, Netherlands Antilles, 3, U.S. Semifinal: Worcester, Mass. 5, Harlem, N.Y. 2 Saturday, Aug. 24

al Championship: Sendai, Japan 4, Curacao, Netherlands Antilles 1 U.S. Championship: Louisville, Ky. 4, Worcester, Mass. 0 Sunday, Aug. 25

Consolation game, Curacao, Netherlands Antilles 9. Worcester, Mass. Championship, Louisville, Ky. 1, Sendai, Japan 0

BASKETBALL

Women's National Basketball Association Playoffs At A Glance By The Associated Press All Times EDT FIRST ROUND (Best-of-3) EASTERN CONFERENCE New York 2, Indiana 1 Indiana 73, New York 55 New York 84, Indiana 65 New York 75, Indiana 60

> Washington 2, Charlotte 0 Washington 74, Charlotte 62 Washington 62, Charlotte 59

WESTERN CONFERENCE Los Angeles 2, Seattle 0 Los Angeles 78, Seattle 61 Los Angeles 69, Seattle 59

> Utah 2, Houston 1 Utah 66, Houston 59 Houston 83, Utah 77, 2OT Utah 75, Houston 72

CONFERENCE FINALS (Best-of-3) EASTERN CONFERENCE Thursday, Aug. 22 Washington 79, New York 74 Saturday, Aug. 24 New York 96, Washington 79 Sunday, Aug. 25 New York 64, Washington 57, New York wins series 2-1

WESTERN CONFERENCE Thursday, Aug. 22 Los Angeles 75, Utah 67

Saturday, Aug. 24 Los Angeles 103, Utah 77, Los Angeles wins series 2-0 FINALS (Best-of-3) Thursday, Aug. 29 Los Angeles at New York, 7:30 p.m aturday, Aug. 31 New York at Los Angeles, 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 1
New York at Los Angeles, 3:30 p.m., if necessary

> **FOOTBALL** National Football League

Preseason Glance By The Associated Press All Times EDT

	AMERICAN CO	ONFERE	NCE				
	East						
		W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
	N.Y. Jets	3	0	0	1.000	78	29
	New England	. 2	1.	0	.667	. 58	40
	Miami	. 1	2	0	.333	41	41
	Buffalo	0	3	0	.000	45	67
٠	South						
		W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
	Indianapolis	2	1 .	0	.667	57	. 39
	Tennessee	2	. 1	0	.667	62	54
	Jacksonville	1	2	0	.333	37	59
	Houston	1	3	0	.250	42	87
	North						
		W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
	Cleveland	2	0	0	1.000	51	38
	Baltimore	2	1	0	.667	41	52
	Cincinnati	2	1	0	.667	69	58
	Pittsburgh	1	2	0	.333	74	73
	West						
		W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
	Denver	2	1	0	.667	53	28
	Kansas City	2	1 .	0	.667	50	40
	San Diego	2	1	U	.667	72	48
	Oakland	1	2	0	.333	37	54
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NATIONAL CONFERENCE Washington .667 N.Y. Giants 500 87 100 .333 47 Philadelphia Pct 1.000 80 65 56 43 Atlanta New Orleans .667 Tampa Bay .000 49 North Pct PF Minnesota .667 Green Bay Chicago 333 70 51 .000 Detroit Pct PF PA 333 Arizona 333 250 41 66 79 San Francisco St. Louis

Thursday's Game San Diego 31, St. Louis 10 Friday's Games Jacksonville 24, Chicago 16 Baltimore 13, Philadelphia 12 New England 23, Carolina 3

Minnesota 14, Tennessee 10 Saturday's Games Pittsburgh 34, Detroit 22 New Orleans 31. Cincinnati 23 Atlanta 21, Dallas 19 Miami 24, Houston : Indianapolis 19. Buffalo 7 N.Y. Jets 28, N.Y. Giants 7 Washington 40, Tampa Bay 10 Oakland 17, San Francisco 10 Denver 19, Arizona 13

Seattle 17, Kansas City 14 Monday's Game Cleveland at Green Bay, 8 p.m. day's Game

San Diego at San Francisco, 9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 29 Chicago at Miami, 7 p.m. Minnesota at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m. Atlanta at Cincinnati, 7:30 p.m.

Buffalo at Detroit, 8 p.m. Baltimore at N.Y. Giants, 8 p.m. Dallas at Jacksonville, 8 p.m. New England at Washington, 8 p.m. Seattle at Denver, 9 p.m. Arizona at Oakland, 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 30

Indianapolis at New Orleans, 7 p.m. Philadelphia at N.Y. Jets, 7:30 p.m. ee at Green Bay, 8 p.m. Tampa Bay at Houston, 8 p.m. Carolina at Cleveland, 8 p.m. St. Louis at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m

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Rookie Joaquin Benoit followed up a strong start in Boston with an even better one against the New York Yankees Benoit held baseball's most

prolific offense scoreless until the seventh inning, leading the Texas Rangers to a 6-2 victory over New York on Sunday.

After getting pounded by the White Sox, Benoit has given the pitching-challenged Rangers two straight quality starts against two of the top teams in baseball.

- He has allowed four runs in 12 2-3 innings the past two starts at Boston and New York

"I just like the improvement we've seen," manager Jerry Narron said. "We all knew that he had a good arm, but we wanted to see improved concentration. He's had good back-to-back outings in two places that a lot of guys get nervous pitching in."

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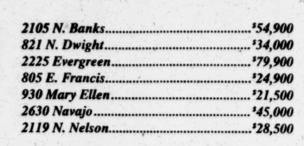
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"IMFMS."

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use your unique style of communication

to make a point. Tonight: Hop on the Net.

* * * Information comes in from an

alternative financial source. Carefully

consider options that surround a child or

loved one. Take the lead at work, and

others will quickly respond. Invest your

time and assets so that they make a dif-

ference. Tonight: Get together with your

*** * Your ability to understand

and take an overview helps get the job

done. Use your mental acumen to make

sure you have exhausted all available

resources. A meeting lays important

foundations. You get to see who is on'

your team. Tonight: A must appearance.

* * * You might not always be sure

of yourself with a key associate or part-

ner. Express more of who you are, cre-

atively and emotionally. Work with each

individual directly in order to achieve the

type of results you want. Make calls to

get another's expertise. Tonight: Follow

*** * Others run with the ball

before you can barely catch up with

them. A new person on the scene could

evoke unanticipated responses. Go with

the flow; attempt to detach. Work as a

team. You're all on the same page -

really. Tonight: Make time for a special

** Dig into work as if there is no

tomorrow. You accomplish much more

than you anticipated. Screen calls, taking

only those you must. An associate might

have stern but useful advice; listen. No

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Reach out for others.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

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friend

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

hints: Each day the code letters are different.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Aug.

Deal with key people on an individual

basis. Others will listen and work with

you as long as you demonstrate the seri-

ousness of your intentions. Carefully

consider options that surround your com-

munity and business lives. You might

decide to portray a more low-key image.

Think about your long-term desires.

Trust a partner or associate to come

through for you. If you are single, a rela-

tionship might be touchy right now. You

need to learn to detach. Understand more

about why people do what they do. Also,

be sure you choose someone who can be

there for you. If you're attached, hide out

more often with your sweetie. Your rela-

tionship will blossom as a result. TAU-

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll

** * Grab hold of the unexpected.

and you'll move in a new direction. In a

sense, fate directs you. A communication

could come off as unusually stiff or

uptight. Relax; use your innate creativity

and loosen up everyone's mood. Tonight:

*** Superiors in general make

unanticipated demands. You might actu-

ally be delighted by the request. Maintain

your sense of humor when dealing with a

tough decision. Relax and gather infor-

mation. If possible, leave the office early,

even if it means bringing work home.

* * * * You deal well with the unantic-

ipated, incorporating it into your work.

Your focus helps you clear your desk.

Tonight: Do only what you want to do.

4-Positive;

5-Dynamic:

3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Treat someone to dinner.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**** You often say and do the

unexpected. Don't be surprised if others

feel free to do the same! Understand

more of what inspires you. Others might

be playful and teasing. Go along with

them. Work demands attention later in

* * * See how you can make a differ-

ence with those in your immediate circle.

You know when to spend and when to

restrain. Think in terms of gain through

using your talents. Brainstorm with asso-

ciates about new possibilities. Tonight:

* * * Return calls. Scan messages.

You might gain a different perspective as

a result. Review a personal matter more

closely. Without realizing it, you could

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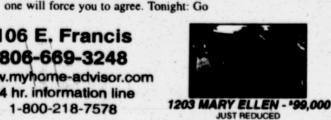
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Ideas to jazz up to snack time

The words "snack time" are magic words to a child's ears, but to a parent snack time can be a challenge. Often parents reach a point where they don't know what to do to get their child to eat nutritiously.

Parents may try to introduce healthy foods, but their children will not have anything to do with them, so they think, 'maybe those prepackaged chips and cookies aren't so bad. After all, a child has to eat something!'

You will be doing your child a favor if you encourage healthy eating habits now that he or she can carry into the future. When all else fails, trick them! Become sneaky with the picky eater and increase the nutritive value of these snacks.

Ways to make your child a healthy eater:

Let kids help. Children who help create snacks are more likely to eat them. Even smaller children can help in some ways. You might even let them help plant and grow some garden vegetables.

—Mix grated carrots into peanut butter or spaghetti sauce, a little wheat germ into those cookies or some chopped spinach into turkey burgers. Add dry milk powder to pancake mix, meatloaf, and other menu items.

—Give food silly names. Children love silly things and usually try something new if it has a funny name. A kid can't resist a "banana wiggle shake," a "silly willy sandwich," or "mooseberry juice."

—Educate your child about the food pyramid. Talk with your child about foods

Milosevic trial gets under way after summer

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — The war crimes trial of former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic resumed Monday after a month recess with the testimony of a man who said he saw Serbian troops gun down at least 39 ethnic Albanians.

Sadik Xhemajli told the court that he watched with binoculars from a nearby hill as Serb soldiers separated 127 men from a group of unarmed civilians in a field near the village of Izbica on March 28, 1999. Some were shot from about 15 feet away, while the crippled and elderly were burned alive, he said.

"I saw 39 men killed with my own eyes." Xhemajli said. He called himself an officer with the Kosovo Liberation Army, which the Yugoslav government branded a terrorist organization.

He said Serb forces then beat and robbed some women before sending them to the Albanian border, seizing their food and burning their blankets.

Several days later, Xhemajli said, he helped bury the dead.

On April 18, as part of an apparent cover-up, Xhemajli said two Serbs impersonating Albanians appeared on Serb television—claiming—that Izbica, the town where the murders allegedly took place, didn't exist.

Serb forces returned to Izbica on June 2, exhumed the bodies and trucked them to an unknown location in the south, he said. They tried to burn the belongings of the dead and their wooden grave markers, and smoothed over the ground with bulldozers to hide the traces.

Milosevic, who is acting as his own defense attorney, denied his forces could have committed the crimes and dismissed the claims as "impossible."



that help children grow strong and stay healthy. At the store, tell your children which foods fall into which groups. Make it fun!

Think small. It's not so overwhelming to a child when there are small amounts or small bites to eat on a plate. If a child wants more, the child will ask. Make a fun design or a silly face with the food. Try anything you can to create a fun, happy environment and stimulate a child's imagination.

—Make mealtime and snack time a pleasant event. Don't threaten the child if he or she doesn't eat, and don't force the child to finish everything. The child will eat when he or she gets hungry.

The most important thing you can do to make your child a healthy eater is to set a good example. Your children watch you to see what you eat, and it's unreasonable to expect them to eat

well if you don't eat well.

Fun ways to serve snacks:

—Make silly faces by spreading toast with peanut butter then decorating it using nuts, raisins, coconut, dried fruit bits, or pieces of vegetables.

—Use cookie cutters to make fun shapes for your sandwiches.

—Play fun or pleasant music during mealtime or snack time. Discourage watching television while eating.

—Stuff sandwich fillings into different edible holders such as cored apples, giant pasta shells, pancakes, hollowed tomatoes, bell peppers, and hollowed dinner rolls.

There is plenty of evidence nutrition is important for good health now and later in life. With the help of some of these ideas and your own creativity, you can establish a lifetime of good eating habits for your child. Good luck and have fun!

Press rushes to defend Brits in wake of actress' remark

LONDON (AP) — Britain and America are allies in Afghanistan, but closer to home the fabled special relationship may be souring.

Deep into the summer news doldrums. London's journalists have climbed the editorial barricades to defend a precious homegrown commodity — the British male against attack from across the Atlantic.

Canadian journalist Leah McLaren fired the first shot in a war of words over British men's dating prowess — or lack thereof, as she saw it. But it was a slur from American actress Gwyneth Paltrow that escalated the tiff, giving British pundits grist for acres of printed indignation during the annual summer "silly seamen".

Paltrow was quoted as complaining to Now magazine that she only had two dates while she was in London this spring starring in the play "Proof."

"British people don't seem to ask each other out on dates," she reportedly said. "If someone asks you out they're really going out on a limb, whereas in America it happens all the time." That followed McLaren's charge in The Spectator magazine that "the modern English male knows little to nothing about courtship, and what he does know frightens him."

Britain's newspapers have taken up their countrymen's cause enthusiastically.

"Who wants to spend the night with Gwyneth?" carped the normally upright Independent.

"Has she ever asked herself if the problem might be her own personality?" asked The Times in a headline over descriptions of five British men it suggested were too good for the actress, whom it called "that icon of American self-obsession and arrogance."

The tabloids were even crueler.

"The real reason Gwyneth is unhappy: She's lost her man to Jennifer Lopez," opined the Daily Mail, referring to Paltrow's one-time romance with Ben Affleck.

In The Daily Mail, political writer Quentin Letts slammed American women for being "so talkative. Yack, yack, yack. It was like going out for dinner with a racing commentator."

Junior Service League



(Courtesy photo)

Junior Service League of Pampa recently installed the following new members: Jackie Broaddus, Tara Roden, Lana Miller, and Sharlan Langley. Not pictured: Buffie Schaeffer and Marci Immel.

Report: Russian craft shot down

ROSTOV-ON-DON, Russia (AP) — Investigators have concluded that rebel anti-aircraft fire was responsible for the crash of a transport helicopter in Chechnya last week, Russian news agencies reported Monday. But a top prosecutor later said the cause of the nation's deadliest military air disaster was still unclear.

The Mi-26 helicopter went down Aug. 19 in a minefield outside Khankala, Russia's main military headquarters in Chechnya, killing 116 people including—contract soldiers, conscripts, an army nurse and her child. The rest of the 31 people aboard were injured, and some remain in grave condition.

condition.

The commission investigating the crash has concluded that a portable anti-aircraft missile was used to down the huge helicopter, the Interfax and ITAR-Tass news agencies reported Monday, citing unidentified sources in the commission.

However, Russian Deputy Prosecutor General Sergei Fridinsky later said that the cause would not be known for at least two weeks.

"All allegations to the effect that the cause of the air crash is known and that it was a missile strike are premature," Interfax quoted Fridinsky as saying.

Fridinsky confirmed last week that part of a missile launcher had been found close to the crash site.

Chechen rebels quickly

took credit for the crash, which caused the biggest single loss of life for Russian forces in both the current, nearly 3-year-old war and the 1994-96 conflict.

Russian troops have detained a Chechen militant suspected in the shooting down of the helicopter, ITAR-Tass quoted Col. Sayed-Selim Peshkhoyev, head of the Interior Ministry contingent in Chechnya, as saying Monday.

Investigators had considered several causes for the crash, including technical malfunctions and overloading. The helicopter was designed to carry about 80

combat-equipped soldiers or up to 22 tons of cargo, and President Vladimir Putin said last week that the military had been ordered to stop using the Mi-26 for troop transfers in 1997.

However, the military command apparently feared sending the troops into Chechnya over land because of frequent rebel ambushes of military convoys.

The Defense Ministry's forensic laboratory in Rostov-on-Don has so far identified only 21 victims, its chief, Vladimir Shcherbakov, said Monday. Many of the victims were severely disfigured in the fiery crash.



