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## Security agreement provides hope

**By Sgt. Whitney Houston**  
3rd BCT PAO, 4th Inf. Div.

BAGHDAD – As Iraqis continue to take steps toward making their nation autonomous, Iraqis possess new hopes and expectations for better things to come.

Following new protocol outlined by the new security agreement, Multi-National Division – Baghdad Soldiers accompanied by their Iraqi Army counterparts conducted a foot patrol Jan. 8 passing out fliers in the Sadr City district of Baghdad. The IA soldiers, from the 45th Brigade, 11th Iraqi Army Division, and their American counterparts were helping to inform the people of a criminal supposedly in the area.

“All the patrols we do now are with the Iraq Security Forces, be it the Iraqi Police or the Iraqi Army, we can’t just run patrols on our own anymore. It is very important that it be this way because they are in the lead now,” said 1st Lt. Kenneth Jura, a native of Gulf Breeze,

Fla., serving with 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment “Wolfhounds,” 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team “Warrior,” 25th Infantry Division, currently attached to the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Multi-National Division – Baghdad.

The combined patrol mingled with the Iraqi people as they went. The patrol not only showed a friendly presence, but showed the populace the Iraqi Security Forces are becoming more apt to take control.

“The main part of the patrol was ... let the population see the IA taking part in a presence patrol to further increase trust between the ISF and the populace,” said Staff Sgt. Douglas Fischgrund, a native of Linden, N.J., also serving with 1st Bn., 27th Inf. Regt.

Jura went on to explain some of the advances that Coalition Forces have been able to make

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by Sgt. Whitney Houston, 3rd BCT PAO, 4th Inf. Div.

An Iraqi Army soldier with the 45th Brigade, 11th Iraqi Army Division, pulls security Jan. 8 while on patrol in Sadr City with Coalition Forces counterparts.

## Daggers host Arabic media roundtable

**By Spc. Dustin Roberts**

2nd HBCT PAO, 1st Inf. Div., MND-B

BAGHDAD – Photographers and journalists from numerous media affiliates in Baghdad attended an “Arabic media roundtable” hosted by the 2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team “Dagger”, 1st Infantry Division, Multi-national Division – Baghdad at Forward

Operating Base Prosperity Jan. 11.

The discussion, led by Col. Joseph Martin, a native of Dearborn, Mich., commander, 2nd HBCT, was to inform the local media of the Dagger Brigade’s mission in northwest Baghdad, spark the interest of story ideas for the press and answer specific questions the media asked.

“It is very important that the public, who read Iraqi newspapers and watch Iraqi television, are informed on not only the mission of Coalition Forces, but specifically the mission of the Dagger Brigade,” said Mohammed Asadi, Arabic media coordina

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## Raiders conduct non-lethal munitions training at FOB Falcon

**By Sgt. David Hodge**

1st BCT PAO, 4th Inf. Div.

FORWARD OPERATING BASE FALCON, Iraq – Multi-National Division – Baghdad Soldiers conducted familiarization training with non-lethal munitions Jan. 9 - 10 at Forward Operating Base Falcon in southern Baghdad's Rashid district.

Approximately 492 Soldiers from the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, MND-B, visited the Falcon Range to increase their awareness and determine appropriate actions when faced with enemy threats and Escalation of Force incidents.

"The Soldiers can use the training to understand that a non-lethal round does not feel like a lethal round when fired," said Capt. Andrea Leaman,



by Sgt. David Hodge, 1st BCT PAO, 4th Inf. Div.

Cpl. Thomas Atkinson, an infantryman from Henderson, Nev., assigned to Company B, 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, fires a non-lethal M203 round Jan. 9 during non-lethal weapons training at Forward Operating Base Falcon in southern Baghdad's Rashid district.

provost marshal for the 1st BCT, 4th Inf. Div., MND-B.

Leaman, who hails from Casper, Wyo., said she issued certificates to Soldiers as

proof they received training on a variety of non-lethal munitions currently used by the U.S. Army in Iraq.

The two-day training event focused on seven different munitions, which are fired from the M203 grenade launcher and M1014 12-gauge combat shotgun, said Sgt. 1st Class Nathan Quinn, provost marshal non-commissioned officer-in-charge assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 1st BCT, 4th Inf. Div., MND-B, adding that he assembled all materials and training aids for the class on short notice.

"The training went great," stated Quinn, who hails from Montpelier, Idaho. "We had enough ammunition and training aids for both days of training."

## Iraqis put more trust in government as security improves

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tor for the Dagger Brigade. "I think the best way to inform the public is to bring the local media to the brigade and inform them about the mission."

About 30 media representatives attended the event at the conference room in the main dining facility on FOB Prosperity.

After eating lunch they sat at tables with their eyes on the podium in a press conference style setting.

Martin opened up by thanking the group and wanted to ensure that they knew the brigade's primary mission was to work in partnership with the Iraqi Security Forces in securing the people of northwest Baghdad.

"There are many stories to tell about the people of northwest Baghdad and our relationship with them," Martin said to the group. "Since our arrival over two months ago we are proud to be a part of what we believe is a historic time for Baghdad and Iraq."

A part of the historic time Martin mentioned is the Iraqi national elections scheduled for Jan. 31.

Some of the press members were very interested in what role the Dagger Brigade will play on Election Day and how the new security agreement, enacted Jan. 1, will affect the security of the population.

"These two events are very large milestones for the history of Iraq," said Asadi. "I know that the people are wondering how Coalition Forces will be involved from now on."

Martin told the media present that the Dagger Brigade and ISF are carefully planning the details of patrols and searches to ensure Election Day will be safe.

Another question asked was if the Soldiers have ever put thought to fighting terrorism not only kinetically, but by providing services and jobs to the people of the Dagger Brigade's areas of operation.

"What we are doing about these issues is working closely with the Iraqi Government and the Belladiyah to continue to foster an environment of normalcy," Martin said. "Economic growth, more money and more jobs for the people are all direct results of a foundation of good security."

Martin also mentioned how the ISF and CF have come together to bring displaced people back to their homes after they moved away because of sectarian violence.

He emphasized how the people are putting more and more trust in their government as security improves daily.

"We continue to work towards a self-sustaining level of improvement so there will be nothing that can stop it," said Martin. "Because of that the Iraqi people, the Iraqi government and the team the works together to secure them is making news worldwide."



by Spc. Dustin Roberts, 2nd HBCT PAO, 1st Inf. Div.

Mr. Rabeem, of the Iraqi publication Politics Today, reads over notes during a media roundtable with the 2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Multi-National Division – Baghdad at Forward Operating Base Prosperity Jan. 11.



by Sgt. 1st Class Brent Williams, 1st BCT PAO, 4th Inf. Div.

## Hot Chai, cold morning

FORWARD OPERATING BASE FALCON, Iraq – Iraqi Army soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 24th Brigade, 6th Iraqi Army Division, fix up piping hot chai for Soldiers of Company B, 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Multi-National Division – Baghdad, before an early morning patrol Jan. 8 in Baghdad's Rashid district. The IA soldiers often serve their American comrades chai in accordance with Iraqi customs and traditions, and the Soldiers of "Bear" Company truly appreciate their Iraqis good spirit and camaraderie, especially on a cold day.

## Soldier balances new Family with job, deployment

By 1st Lt. Matthew Bauer  
2nd BCT, 4th Inf. Div.

CSC SCANIA, Iraq – Spc. Maurice Leon Oldham Jr., has experienced much since April 18, the day when Oldham and his wife, Erica, gave birth to the couple's first son, Keian-dre.

"It was hectic, but it was a good day. My son is beautiful," said the 23-year-old Oldham.

Since then, they have been learning the trade of parenthood together and at a quite rapid pace. With this new addition to the Family, Oldham has felt the added weight.

"I have mastered the art of prioritizing. I am able to go to work and finish it all there, and then come home to my Family," the St. Louis native said.



by 1st Lt. Matthew Bauer, 2nd BCT, 4th Inf. Div.

Spc. Maurice Leon Oldham Jr., plays foosball with the members of the Iraqi Security Forces during a recent patrol. Oldham is a fire direction specialist in Bravo Battery, 16 FA, 2nd BCT, 4th Inf. Div.

Oldham comes from a military Family. His father is currently serving as the Noncommissioned officer in charge of the

Chaplains' Assistants for Fort Carson, Colo., which Oldham is also stationed.

In April, Oldham was acting as the senior fire direction specialist in Bravo Battery, 3rd Battalion, 16th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division. At the time, he was busy computing firing data to ensure the safe and accurate shooting of M109A6 Paladins, which he did quite professionally. Eight months and an Iraq deployment later, Oldham is now the "fix-it" man for his platoon. He normally is the dismount for Sgt. 1st Class Micheal Perkins, his platoon sergeant.

"Oldham is crucial to our platoon. When he is not my dismount, he is either driving a vehicle or acting as the gunner. He can gun on either the M240B or the 50 Cal. The younger guys in the platoon look up to him," said Perkins.

## New security agreement provides glimpse of hope for better things to come

### Hope, From Pg 1

by gaining trust and showing the IA a military system that works. In consequence to this efficiency and trustworthiness, the IA began to organize and pattern their military after that of the U.S. military which has enabled them to move forward in "leaps and bounds."

Although the IA has made significant progress, this grand of scale takes time and

attention to ensure solidarity.

"Just like with anything, this step forward will take time to develop and it will evolve with time. But the security agreement is set up in spirit to enable these people to have the freest life possible," Jura said.

Soldiers who have served multiple tours in Iraq have noticed the fruits of their labors unfold leading to the new agreement.

"It's been good to see that things have improved," said Sgt. Jason Stalnaker, na-

tive of Newark, Ohio, serving with 1st Bn., 27th Inf. Regt. "Since my last deployment in 04 and 05, I've been able to see all the steps and it's been a total turn around. Being away for two years between my deployments and coming back to progression feels like something has been accomplished."

With much still to do, the new security agreement provides a glimpse of hope in which Iraq will become a safe, secure and sovereign nation.



by Pfc. Lyndsey Dransfield, MND-B, PAO

# Player of the day

Today's player of the day is Sgt. Sonny Soriano for his hard work and dedication to the S1 mission. He is the night shift NCOIC and in addition to numerous duties, is the creator of the battalion newsletter, providing forum for Families to learn about their Soldiers during deployment. Without a doubt his hard work has affected the Soldiers, NCOs and Families of the Division Special Troops Battalion.

**Safety Alert**  
Armored Vehicle Fires  
OIF SA-09

**M88 Completely destroyed** – Crew threw dirt on top of the closed engine compartment verses using the fire suppression system.

**M2 Completely destroyed** – Crew did not follow procedures and left the engine running which vented all Halon out of the compartment.

**M1 Completely destroyed** – Crew did not close hatches and covers which released the agent to the surrounding area.

**Combat power lost due to lack of awareness & training**

Investigations of these and other vehicle fires have shown the following:

- Personnel are not familiar with the fire suppression systems (fixed & portable) on the vehicles
- Personnel are not using systems properly
- Personnel are not conducting proper PMCS on suppression systems
- Personnel are not conducting proper fire drills prior to missions
- Personnel are not familiar with the affects of Halon, GO2, or ABC powder fire suppression systems and are falling victim to urban myths about Halon

**M88 Hercules** – Refer to TM 9-2350-256-10 or 292-10  
**M2/M3 BFV** – Refer to TM 9-2350-284-10-1  
**M1 Tank** – Refer to TM 9-2350-286-10-2

All personnel must be trained to properly identify a fire and executing proper emergency.

- The fire must be identified and conveyed to all personnel by utilizing the proper words – **Vehicle Fire**. Then provide the location (i.e. engine).
- IC must decide if evacuation is required and initiate emergency procedures.
- Engines must be stopped for all fires regardless of location.
- Activate proper suppression system (engine or crew compartment).
- All personnel must move to a safe distance away from the vehicle (30 meters to the left rear of the vehicle). Take accountability of all personnel and sensitive items.
- If enemy threat exists or rounds begin to cook-off seek protective cover.

Emergency procedures list multiple warnings that must be followed or personnel can be seriously injured or killed. The key to surviving a vehicle fire is continual practice of emergency procedures, before you need them, and proper identification of the emergency.




**Safety Alert**

## This Week in 4th Infantry Division History

**WWI 1917** – A review of all troops was scheduled for 15 January, but had to be cancelled on account of bad weather. Later in the week, the Division was visited by Mr. Crowell, Secretary of War, and MG Biddle, Assistant Chief of Staff of the Army

# Daily Iron Games

The objective of the game is to fill all the blank squares in a game with the correct numbers. There are three very simple constraints to follow: **Every row of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order. Every column of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order. Every 3 by 3 subsection of the 9 by 9 square must include all digits 1 through 9.**

9			7	5	3			
7					1			
1	5		3					2
2		4	8	3				
			9					
	8	1	5					7
4		7			8			3
		9						1
7	1	9				6		

Every Sudoku game begins with a number of squares already filled in, and the difficulty of each game is largely a function of how many squares are filled in. The more squares that are known, the easier it is to figure out which numbers go in the open squares. As you fill in squares correctly, options for the remaining squares are narrowed and it becomes easier to fill them in.

### Saturday's Sudoku challenge results

1	7	9	2	8	4	3	6	5
5	2	3	6	1	7	9	8	4
4	8	6	5	9	3	1	7	2
8	3	4	9	5	6	7	2	1
7	9	1	8	3	2	4	5	6
2	6	5	4	7	1	8	9	3
6	1	2	7	4	8	5	3	9
3	5	8	1	6	9	2	4	7
9	4	7	3	2	5	6	1	8

# Safety Sense

## Speeding –

There has been a marked increase in the number of vehicles that were observing speeding. Speed limits are standards and they must be adhered to on every mission. Vehicle operators need to remain at or below the posted speed limits both on and off base to ensure their safety and others. It's been proven that speeding to get through a kill zone has no benefit and slower speed makes it easier to identify IED's. Furthermore, slower speeds decrease stopping distances and allow for safer maneuverability in an emergency. Leaders, vehicle commanders, and operators must enforce the standard and ensure all vehicles are operated in a safe manner that's appropriate for the traffic and road conditions.

## David Letterman's Top Ten Signs Your New Years Is Off To A Bad Start

10. It's January 9th and there's still a fat guy passed out on your sofa from New Year's Eve
9. All the money you didn't lose in the Ponzi scheme, you bet on the Colts
8. Regis just moved in next door
7. Began year in emergency room having novelty "2009" glasses removed from your stomach
6. Your wife's resolution was to give up sex, with you
5. You're still sitting in your Y2K bunker
4. Company transferred you to an office in Gaza
3. Somali pirates just stole your Buick
2. Your cholesterol is higher than the stock market
1. It's Friday night and you're watching Letterman

## Chaplain's Inspiration

We make a living by what we get – we make a life by what we give. There are no limits to success when we do not limit people. Every leader is either a lifter or a limiter of people. If you limit people, you limit not only them, but also yourself. But if you lift them up, then there's no telling how far they – or you – can go. Today, let us make a life by developing and giving to our Soldiers and our Iraqi partners as we serve our nation and build the nation of Iraq.

"It is more blessed to give than receive."

## BEETLE BAILEY

BY GREG & MORT WALKER



## Daily Laugh

A police officer in a small town stopped a motorist who was speeding down Main Street. "But officer," the man began, "I can explain." "Just be quiet," snapped the officer. "I'm going to let you cool your heels in jail until the chief gets back." "But, officer, I just wanted to say..." "And I said to keep quiet! You're going to jail!" A few hours later the officer looked in on his prisoner and said, "Lucky for you that the chief's at his daughter's wedding. He'll be in a good mood when he gets back." "Don't count on it," answered the fellow in the cell. "I'm the groom."


**Hometown Briefs**

**New address for hometown donkey**
*The Gazette*


Lots of folks think their neighbor is a jackass, but for people who live near Fillmore Street and Templeton Gap Road, it's true.

That's about to change.

Applejuice the donkey - probably the most visible pet in Colorado Springs - is leaving his bachelor pad beside the busy intersection for greener pastures.

He's been residing at Taylor's Acre for about six years, lounging around, posing before the barn painted with various sayings, drinking from a bathtub and braying at passers-by.

But his owner, 89-year-old Dessie Taylor, moved into a nursing home a few weeks ago because she suffers from dementia, said son Cecil Taylor. Family friend Dwane Baker is taking in Applejuice at his 5-acre place near Fountain.

"It's kind of an Old McDonald's Farm," Baker said. "We have four other donkeys, so he'll have company instead of being alone up there."

Applejuice, who is about 12 years old, is supposed to be moved to his new home Tuesday. He's been alone since his girlfriend, Twinkle Star, died about three years ago.

"I just want him to go to a good home," Cecil Taylor said. "Mom might be upset. She lived to hear that donkey bray all the time. If she gets upset, I hope she understands I tried to find a good home for him."

The Taylors have lived on their acre since 1960, when this patch of ground was on the edge of town. Dessie and C. Robert Taylor raised six kids here, complete with raucous pool parties and a steady parade of donkeys, chickens, dogs and cats.

**Pay raise to bolster the local economy**
*Killeen Daily Herald*


A rough estimate says Killeen and nearby cities got a \$101 million pay raise Thursday when a 3.9 percent across-the-board pay hike went into effect for the military.

Bill Parry, executive director of the Heart of Texas Defense Alliance, said his agency supplied a military payroll estimate of \$2,587,390,000 to the state comptroller's office in 2007 to figure into an economic impact report on Fort Hood.

The 2008 figure would probably differ from that, and the 0.7 percent inflation rate given by the government for 2008 would bring the real spending power down a little, but Soldiers will still have lots of millions more to spend. Or save. Or pay down debt.

Senior personnel will get more money per capita, but the biggest chunk in the aggregate will go to younger enlisted personnel.

"It will boost sales on the things they already spend money on," said Greater Killeen Chamber of Commerce president John Crutchfield. "I'm sure we'll see a boost in electronics, health club memberships, food and entertainment. Of course the senior personnel will look at bigger items like cars and houses, but I think we'll see more of a rise in car sales because they all want cars."

He said he thinks the increases are bound to help the local outlook on the national economy. They won't raise the economic level back to normal all by themselves, but they'll ease the ride toward the middle of the year, when most merchants and economic experts have said they expect a sea change to begin.

**Saving Kailua Beach**
*The Honolulu Star Bulletin*


The city, state and federal government are taking steps that could eventually counteract the erosion of Kailua Beach.



The Army Corps of Engineers, the state Department of Land and Natural Resources and the state Department of Health are working together to get needed permits and clearances to allow sand from Kaelepulu Stream to be used to replenish the rapidly disappearing beach. A public meeting was held last summer.

The state also hired a consultant to examine the problem and come up with options by 2010.

Beach users say something needs to be done soon.

"In the last two to three years, the shoreline has dramatically eroded," said Chip Fletcher, a professor in the Geology and Geophysics Department at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

Kailua resident David Brezel, 89, has been swimming daily at Kailua Beach for the past seven years.

Until recently, he entered the water near the boat ramp near the entrance to Lanikai.

Now, exposed cinder blocks stick out where sand used to be, forcing a detour in his routine. He now starts his twice-daily swim on the Kaneohe side of Kaelepulu Stream.

"The waves are smashing onto (the blocks), and it's dangerous, and I can't go swim there anymore," said Brezel, a retired eye doctor. "I like to swim there."

It's just one sign of erosion that's eating away Kailua Beach, which in 1998 was ranked as America's best beach.

Now, erosion has created a drop of about 6 feet before patrons can reach the sandy beach. Roots and pipes extend out of the sandy wall into midair.

The city recently removed 10 ironwood trees because they were being undermined by erosion, said city spokesman Bill Brennan. More trees might also be removed.

**Winter Jam '09 fills Crown with joy**
*The Fayetteville Observer*


In an evening that featured breakdancing, beatboxing and rock 'n' roll, it was clear that Saturday's Winter Jam concert at the Crown Coliseum was not your father's youth ministry event.

The performance, headlined by 2008 Gospel Music Association Artist of the Year TobyMac, brought in close to 9,000 fans of contemporary Christian music, the majority of whom braved windy and chilly weather by standing in line for at least an hour before the 6p.m. start time. The coliseum's parking lot was packed with church vans and buses of all shapes, sizes, and — in testament to Winter Jam's mass appeal — denominations.

A high-energy, fast-paced affair, Winter Jam proved why it's the largest annual Christian music tour.

The evening began quickly with songs from up-and-coming Christian artist Francesca Battistelli, whose angelic vocals and infectious smile carried her piano-pop sound into the hearts of the appreciative audience.

Immediately afterward, NewSong, the founders and host of Winter Jam, took to the stage, further energizing the already-on-its-feet crowd. Led by Billy Goodwin, the quartet performed several fan favorites, including "Blessed Be Your Name," "Arise, My Love" and "Psalm 40."


**Hometown Briefs**

**Library focuses on customer service**
*The Capital Journal*


While the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library is considered one of the community's crown jewels, its leadership isn't content with maintaining the status quo, something reflected in a recently adopted 10-year strategic plan.

The plan's mission statement offers a glimpse of where the library is at and where it is heading: "Your place. Stories you want. Information you need. Connections you seek."

Gina J. Millsap, the library's executive director, said the bar has been raised high.

"Our goal," she said, "is to be the best public library in the nation."

Millsap said the library refers to its patrons as "customers," and efforts are being undertaken to meet their needs, a priority clearly reflected in the strategic plan.

"We don't call people who use the library 'patrons' anymore," Millsap said. "We call them 'customers.' After all, they've already paid for our services through their taxes."

The library's annual budget of nearly \$13.4 million comes from taxpayers in the city and county. Millsap said the library is ever-mindful of where its funding comes from and seeks to be good stewards of its finances.

**Germans to help Egypt block tunnels**
*The Local*


A group of German experts will be sent to the Egyptian border in order to help efforts to limit the weapons being smuggled through tunnels into the Gaza strip.

Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier offered the team to Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak during a meeting at the weekend.

Steinmeier warned that elements in Iran were putting themselves forwards as representatives of Palestinian interests, and said this was a dangerous development.

Talking to the Welt am Sonntag he said, "Many of the people I have talked with in the Middle East tell me that Iran threatens to become the big winner of the Gaza conflict.

"And in fact, Teheran is taking on the role of agent of Palestinian interests in many parts of the Arab world. I consider this a very dangerous development. Another reason to reach a complete and lasting ceasefire as fast as possible."

He said the expert team would be sent to Egypt as soon as possible.

He said he understood how the Israeli government could not accept the status quo, saying rockets had been fired onto Israeli territory for months, and that the international community should not leave the country to face such attacks alone.

At the same time, he said he doubted that military action would produce sustainable progress, calling for a politically-based ceasefire.

At least 35,000 people demonstrated across Germany on Saturday for a cease-fire in the Gaza strip.

Turkish-Islamic organisations had called for people to show their opposition to the Israeli attack and partial invasion.

The largest demonstration was in Duisburg, where around 10,000 turned out in chilly temperatures to show their opposition, while in Berlin around 8,500 people did the same.

**Creekwalk race raises funds**
*The Montgomery Advertiser*


The second annual Cruising the Creekwalk race in downtown Prattville went on without a hitch Saturday morning. Organizers said they had a bigger turnout than last year, when about 400 runners participated. This crew, like last year's, contained serious veteran runners as well as some racing for the first time.

Thea Langley, race director, said the crowd exceeded her expectations, and she's proud the community came out to support their fundraising efforts. Last year, the race raised about \$6,000 for Youth Leadership of Autauga -- a group that teaches 25 teenagers about careers, community and service. Students for the program are chosen from public and private high schools across Prattville.

They apply for the program their junior year and participate in leadership activities as seniors.

The race reached its fundraising target this year, Langley said, and though she didn't have an exact figure yet, she said they can comfortably support the cost of 25 high school students attending the \$300 per person program.

Langley said Saturday's event was a good time for all.

Prattville teenagers stood on the sidelines cheering, some holding posters and others ringing cow bells.

"We really try to make it fun and Family friendly," Langley said.

The crowd enjoyed food, face painting and musical entertainment before and after the races.

"It's really a good party centered around fitness," she said.

Runners took part in two races, the 5K and the one-mile run/walk. The two races totaled 464 entrants, not including pets, cyclists, and younger children who rode alongside their parents, Langley said.

All children who participated received awards.

**Cities want ability to regulate dog breeds**
*The Dallas Morning News*


Laura Dapkus worries that someday soon authorities could come to her Grayson County home and confiscate her four dogs simply because of their DNA.

Dapkus rescued the animals, three of them likely purebred pit bulls and the fourth a pit bull mix, from a shelter. She calls them playful, loveable, Family dogs.

"Thousands and thousands of them are out there not causing any problems," she said.

But pit bulls have gained a reputation for violence, and several North Texas cities want the power to regulate and possibly ban them and other reputedly violent breeds.

Mary Maza of Duncanville supports such legislation. Last summer, two pit bulls escaped their yard, broke through her son's fence and critically injured his dog.

"What if that was a little kid?" she asked Duncanville City Council members, who minutes later voted to support breed-specific legislation.

Cedar Hill, Frisco, Mesquite and others have also expressed interest, but so far no legislator has stepped forward to champion a change during the Legislature's 2009 session, which begins Tuesday.

## Sports

# McNabb, Eagles beat Giants, reach NFC title game

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. – Donovan McNabb and his Philadelphia Eagles get another week to keep chasing that elusive Super Bowl crown. Eli Manning and the New York Giants get a whole offseason to wonder what went wrong.

McNabb made all the big plays that Manning did not, and the Eagles eliminated the Super Bowl champions 23-11 Sunday to reach the NFC title game for the fifth time in eight seasons.

Throw in Philadelphia's hard-hitting, ball-hawking defense, and these NFL playoffs are now for the Birds — the underdog Eagles, Cardinals and Ravens all won on the road this weekend.

McNabb lunged for one touchdown, threw for another and converted several key third downs to move the sixth-seeded Eagles (11-6-1) into next Sunday's title game at Arizona (11-7). Philadelphia beat the Cardinals 48-20 on Thanksgiving night.

"It feels like it was years ago," McNabb

said.

Gusting, swirling winds played havoc with any ball in the air, and also helped produce an odd-looking score: This was the first game in NFL history to finish 23-11, the Elias Sports Bureau said.

A year after road success fueled the Giants' route, the Eagles are taking the same path. They opened the postseason by winning at Minnesota and, after their sixth victory in seven tries, look nothing like a team that needed several breaks on the final day simply to make the playoffs.

David Akers added three field goals — extending his NFL record to 18 straight in the postseason — to fend off the top-seeded Giants (12-5).

Manning never resembled the quarterback who won last year's Super Bowl with that one perfect spiral to Plaxico Burress. MVP of that huge upset over New England, Manning was in trouble from the start. His first pass wobbled out of his hand, got caught in the wind and missed a wide-open receiver.

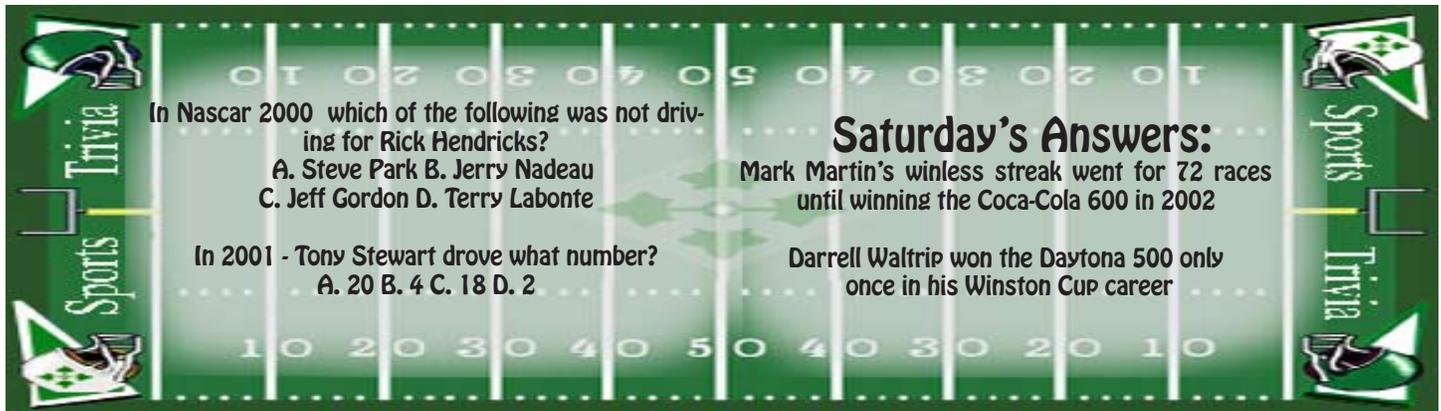
Manning ended up 15-for-29 with two interceptions, often overthrowing his targets. The Giants did not score a touchdown and lost for the fourth time in five games.

"It all comes down to what you do in the playoffs. That makes your season a good one or a disappointment," Manning said. "This is a disappointment.

"We felt this was a special team that could go far. The defense played outstanding today and gave us opportunities. Offensively, we didn't do our job. We didn't score enough points."

By the final two minutes, more than half the crowd had left; Big Blue hasn't won a playoff game at Giants Stadium since 2000. Philly fans, meanwhile, headed down the New Jersey Turnpike after another big win for their city — the Phillies won the World Series in October.

"In the locker room, there was so much energy in there. We were ready to play early in the week," McNabb said. "The city of Philadelphia is buzzing; this team is buzzing."



**In Nascar 2000 which of the following was not driving for Rick Hendricks?**  
A. Steve Park B. Jerry Nadeau  
C. Jeff Gordon D. Terry Labonte

**Saturday's Answers:**  
Mark Martin's winless streak went for 72 races until winning the Coca-Cola 600 in 2002

**In 2001 - Tony Stewart drove what number?**  
A. 20 B. 4 C. 18 D. 2

**Darrell Waltrip won the Daytona 500 only once in his Winston Cup career**



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