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## Boy, Girl Scouts join from worlds apart

*MND-B PAO*

CAMP LIBERTY, Iraq – Iraqi Boy and Girl Scouts interacted with scouts from Texas and Georgia Jan. 10 through video teleconferencing between Multi-National Division-Baghdad Headquarters, Fort Hood, Texas, and Fort Gordon, Georgia.

After attending a similar exchange event between Iraqi middle-school students and students from Nolanville Elementary School in central Texas, Lt. Col. John Moelter, division G6, MND-B, heard there were boy scouts in Iraq and the idea took hold.

After getting the go-ahead from the Maj. Gen. Jeffery Hammond, commanding general, MND-B, Moelter began the coordination to get as many groups together as he could. Fortunately scouting has been around in Iraq for nearly a century.

Moelter found there was a group of scouts less than five miles away, near the Baghdad International Airport, under the chairmanship of Col. Brian Pugmire and Maj. Cheryl Hanke of Multi-National Corps – Iraq.

With scouting alive and well in the MND-B staff, it was easy from there.

Moelter, a Signal officer whose Family lives in Augusta, Ga., just outside of Fort Gordon, has two boys in cub scouts and knew he could get support from the local Georgia/Carolina Boy Scout council.

Lt. Col. Gerald Messmer, who works civil/military operations for MND-B, also has two boys in scouting who hold senior leadership positions in the Texas Longhorn council.

**See Scouts Pg. 2**



by Staff Sgt. Brock Jones, MND-B PAO

A young Iraqi Boy Scout stands in front of a projector screen in the Ironhorse Stadium as he talks to a Boy Scout in the United States during a video teleconference hosted Jan. 10 by 4th Infantry Division and Multi-National Division – Baghdad.

## National Police lead patrol during market visit

**By Staff Sgt. Alex Licea**

*3rd BCT PAO, 82nd Abn. Div.*

FORWARD OPERATING BASE LOYALTY, Iraq – National Police officers and Iraqi Army soldiers partnered with Paratroopers assigned to the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, Multi-National Division – Baghdad, conducted a combined patrol Jan. 13 in the Rusafa district of eastern Baghdad. Iraqi Security Forces and their MND-B partners conducted the operation inside Baghdad's historic Matanabi Book Market.

Iraqi citizens greeted the patrol and the security during its mission. Although the patrol may have been somewhat distracting for some, many residents said they felt the partnered patrols have

been an important reason for the improved security in the past few months.

"The Iraqi people are happy," said an Iraqi Army soldier. "They are glad to see us and they feel safe now."

Iraqi Army Maj. Gen. Abdul Kareem Abdulrahman Al-Izi, commander of the 1st National Police Division; Iraqi Army Brig. Gen. Haitham Al Alwani, commander of the 43rd Brigade, 11th Iraqi Army Division; and Col. Timothy McGuire, commander of the 3rd BCT, 82nd Abn. Div., accompanied their men throughout the operation. The leaders took time to speak with shop owners, greet customers and discuss the need to maintain recent security gains.

**See Patrol Pg. 2**



by Staff Sgt. Alex Licea, 3rd BCT PAO, 82nd Abn. Div.

Members of National Police, Iraqi Army and Paratroopers assigned to the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, Multi-National Division–Baghdad, patrol the Matanabi Book Market Jan. 13 in the Rusafa District of eastern Baghdad.

## Market shows symbol of strength and hope

**Patrol, From Pg 1**

The Matanabi Book Market was closed nearly two years ago after a suicide bomber attack. The market reopened to the public in December. Prime Minister of Iraq Nouri Al Maliki proclaimed the market as a symbol of strength and hope for the future of Iraq. The market and its surrounding shops welcome thousands of residents and showcase some of Iraq's finest selection of food, art and clothing.

"I don't think we could have walked this market without a platoon-size force a year ago," said Staff Sgt. Michael Foley, a native of Bassett, Va., and squad leader assigned the personnel security detachment. "It is a clear sign of the improvements on security made across the country, and it was great to see the market so busy. Working hand in hand with the ISF makes it all that much better.

"This is what we like to see – people living their normal lives and away from fear. It was quite a site to see."

## Iraqi Boy, Girl Scouts meet Texas, Georgia Scouts via VTC

**Scouts, From Pg 1**

His sons were more than helpful bringing a crew together at Fort Hood.

While picking the Iraqi scouts up with busses, from their scout camp, boys and girls were filtering in to Fort Hood and Fort Gordon facilities.

"We could hear the excitement back home as the boys and girls waited patiently to meet the Iraqi children," said Moelter. As the Iraqi kids filed into the VTC facility their initial view, projected onto a big screen, were about 40 cub, webloe and boy scouts along with brownie and girl scouts of Georgia/Carolina.

Eagle Scouts, and now deputy commanding generals for the 4th Infantry Division and MND-B opened the Video Tele-Conference with stories of their childhood scouting and how the lessons of leadership, teamwork, and self-reliance learned through scouting have helped them throughout life.

Brig. Gen. William Grimsley, a native of Charleston, S.C., and Brig. Gen. Robin Swan, native of Pittsburgh, emphasized the fact that the scouts sitting in the room with them in Iraq and those in Texas and Georgia will be the future leaders of our countries and it was a great opportunity to see there is little difference between the three groups of kids.

Many of the scouts were amazed when Grimsley pulled a compass from his pocket and told the story of how it was given to him by his father and he has carried it everywhere he goes for the last forty years and even found it useful in the last week visiting a location near Baghdad.

After the general officers spoke, each location provided a short introduction of who was present. In all, there were nearly 20 dens, packs and troops represented by more than 90 scouts. Once introductions were complete, Moelter led the question and answer period, beginning with Texas

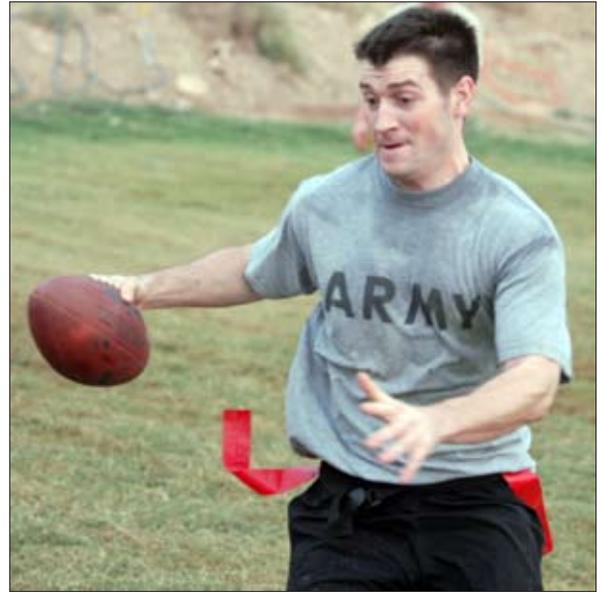
scouts and rotating between the groups. Scouts asked everything from what do you when you go camping, do you go fishing, to what courses do you study in school and what do you like to eat?

One Iraqi girl asked if the Texas scouts helped out at home with cooking and cleaning. The reply from a Texas girl scout was "Yes and sometime my brother helps." A question that came from a scout in Texas that made almost every adult in the room in Iraq take a breath was "what is it like living in a country where there's a war going on?" The senior boy scout from the Iraqi troop approached the microphone and answered, "we love our country and with the help of the Iraqi and Coalition Forces, security has improved."

Georgia webloes leader, Jeffery Holder said, "It's really a great opportunity for them [the American scouts] to get a look at the culture over there in Iraq and realize that those children are a whole lot more like them than they are different from them."

# Soldier in focus

Today's Soldier in Focus is Sgt. Justin Buck, a Wilson, Okla., native, currently working as a targeting noncommissioned officer at Forward Operating Base War Eagle in northeastern Baghdad. Buck serves in the Fire and Effects Coordination Cell with Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Multi-National Division – Baghdad, which is based out of Fort Carson, Colo. "I'm proud that I have given over three years of my life deployed in service to my country," said Buck, who has served each of those deployments with the Striker Brigade. During this tour, Buck initiated the War Eagle Running Club – a group that meets once per week to conduct 5K runs around the base in northeast Baghdad. Upon returning to Colorado, Buck plans to separate from the service and be reunited with his Family, parents Coly and Tina Buck, sister, Kendra Adams, and brother, Jordan Buck, before pursuing an English degree at Tulsa University in Oklahoma.



by Sgt. Zach Mott, 3rd BCT PAO, 4th Inf. Div.

## ePRT brings wheelchairs to disabled Iraqis



by Sgt. Gustavo Olgiati, 1st BCT, 4th Inf. Div.

FORWARD OPERATING BASE, Falcon — Mr. Brad Blauser, Embedded Provincial Reconstruction Team, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Multi-National Division – Baghdad, and founder of the Wheelchairs for Iraqi Kids Foundation, makes the final adjustments in the wheelchair for Amna Hamid, a disabled Iraqi child, Jan. 14, in the Rashid Council District Building. Soldiers of the 1st BCT, 4th Inf. Div., and 1st BCT's EPRT delivered the wheelchairs to the council hall in southern Baghdad to be distributed to disabled Iraqis. An American Family donated the money to buy the materials for the wheelchairs, which were assembled by South Dakota inmates and shipped to Iraq by the foundation.

## Safety Sense

Have you ever seen a fellow Soldier limping around, with their arm in a cast or sporting a new set of stitches? The first question most of us ask is, "How did you get hurt?" Whereas others think, "I sure hope that doesn't happen to me!" Regardless of the first question, the second question should be; what do I need to do to prevent that from happening to others? Acting after an event has occurred is a step in the right direction however, we need to start acting before a hazard causes harm. What hazard did you walk by today?



by Pfc. Lyndsey Dransfield, MND-B, PAO

# Player of the day

Today's player of the day is Spc. Teresa Arney, a Burns Harbor, Ind. native, for her outstanding performance as the day shift AMR/Iron horse express section leader. She is responsible for facilitating the transition of Soldiers and VIP's traveling throughout the MND-B OE and is without a doubt today's player of the day

## David Letterman's Top Ten Signs Your City IS Too Fat

10. Town's fire hydrants spew Cheez Whiz
9. Majority of 911 calls involve people stuck in doorways
8. People only vote because they're hoping a Twix bar will fall out when they pull the lever
7. All the Streets named after cakes; all the Avenues named after pies
6. Town motto: "Are you gonna finish that?"
5. When Al Gore's in town people ask, "Who's that skinny guy?"
4. Elevators have maximum occupancy of 1
3. Townsfolk still talk about summer of '53 when somebody ordered a salad
2. Every night on the news, the top story is a bridge collapse
1. Officially changed name to Fat-Achusetts

## ◆ This Week in 4th Infantry Division History ◆

**Operation Iraqi Freedom 2003** - Operation Ivy Blizzard ended on 15 Jan. FOB Ironhorse added explosive sniffing dogs to the perimeter defenses. More weapons caches were found near Kirkuk by the 173 ABN Bde. The local population was cooperating more with the coalition forces by providing tips about the locations of former regime loyalists and insurgents. These tips led to raids in Samarra which captured four nephews of the former vice-president of Iraq, Ibrahim Al-Douri who was thought to be organizing many of the attacks. Bank notes with Saddam Hussein's portrait became obsolete on 15 Jan.

# Daily Iron Games

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### Friday's Sudoku challenge results

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

**BEETLE BAILEY**

BY GREG & MORT WALKER



*Chaplain's Inspiration*

Great athletes are always looking to improve and maximize their performance. Setting goals plays a vital part in the mental edge and maximum performance of an athlete. Take away an athlete's goals and you will notice a decline in performance. The same is true for the Soldiers we lead to serve. Let us take time today to remind our team of the goal of defending the nation of Iraq and protecting the population as we secure this land.

Philippians 3:14 "I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in our Lord."

Multinational Division-Baghdad

**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

*"...Until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream."*

Martin Luther King, Jr.

**GUEST SPEAKER**  
MND-B EO Program Manager  
Maj. Peter Stanonik

Jan. 19 2009  
7 - 8 p.m.

Division Chapel  
Camp Liberty, Iraq

Hosted by 926<sup>th</sup> EN BDE

*"Remember! Celebrate! ACT!"  
A Day On, Not A Day Off!*

**Daily Laugh**

What do you call cheese that isn't yours?  
Nacho Cheese.

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**CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE BULLETIN**

MEMORANDUM FOR See Distribution

SUBJECT: Criminal Intelligence Bulletin (0007-09-CID101) Suspicious Website Targeting Army Personnel

- Reference: The following information was originally derived from email correspondence from the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA), dated 5 Jan 09, and is considered reliable.
- The Command Intelligence Operations Center (CIOC) was notified by DTRA of a website targeting Army Personnel, claiming to offer low-cost personal computers, laptops, and online educational resources. The website, [www.armyvedcenter.com](http://www.armyvedcenter.com), offers computers with preloaded training software as a bundle package. According to the website, access to career training in Microsoft Office, Web Design, and Graphic Arts can be obtained by utilizing their service. The website also has testimonials by supposed Army Soldiers.

The online application form to purchase computer and software requires the Soldier to submit Personally Identifiable Information (PII) (i.e. Social Security Number, Date of Birth) and specific military information (i.e. Enlistment Date, Estimated Time of Separation, Unit of Assignment). The Soldiers are also required to provide official documentation, such as a Leave and Earning Statement, to verify that they are active or retired Enlisted Soldiers. The service/product costs approximately \$3,500.00, paid over a two year period. The only authorized method of payment is by allotment from the Soldier's pay. Active duty status qualifies the Soldier for no money down and easy payment options. The website also claims to have the capability to rebuild a Soldier's bad credit with "a low cost student loan" (05 Jan 09, [www.armyvedcenter.com](http://www.armyvedcenter.com)).

- CIOC Analyst Comment: This website illustrates the extent individuals will go to potentially defraud Soldiers. While this site's intent may be to assist financially unstable Soldiers; the potential to manipulate such Soldiers further into debt is significant. The cost of the training service and computer/ laptop through the website is approximately \$3,500.00 to be paid \$143.00 each month, over two years by automatic allotment, ensuring the company receives their payments. The website advertises the computers in such a way to attract Soldiers (i.e. Desktop computers: Predator, Terminator, Warrior, Stealth, and Laptop Computers: Sniper II & III). However, the computers are otherwise 'no-name' and are worth roughly \$500.00, by comparison to other computers with similar components'. The potential profit for the company over the 24 months is approximately \$3,000.00 at the expense of the Soldier. The company has the potential

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to offer the Soldier a \$500.00 product, while charging an interest rate of approximately 340%<sup>1</sup>. The website's training courses include, but not limited to: Microsoft Word Applications (PowerPoint, Excel, Outlook, Access, etc), Windows Vista, and Photoshop. Training opportunities obtained at [www.armyvedcenter.com](http://www.armyvedcenter.com) are already available to all active Soldiers, retired Soldiers, and DA civilians at no cost from Army e-learning. The website does not readily identify any apparent correlation to the US Army. Furthermore, the website does not include a disclaimer stating the PII provided by the Soldier would not be sold to other agencies; leaving Soldiers vulnerable to other various marketing schemes and solicitations. The PII and military information provided could also be collected in an effort to assess a unit's strength by providing sensitive Operational Security (OPSEC) to nefarious individuals or organizations.

This same marketing tactic has been used by other companies, such as [Blue Hippo](http://www.bluehippo.com), to defraud the general US population. The Blue Hippo scam is currently undergoing court ordered refunds to individuals who were promised low-cost computers as a means to rebuild bad credit<sup>2</sup>. Although there is no proven evidence that [www.armyvedcenter.com](http://www.armyvedcenter.com) is not a legitimate company earnestly intended to offer Soldiers educational opportunities and an avenue to repair bad credit, there are similarities to the illegitimate marketing tactics of Blue Hippo.

- This message is intended for direct release to all activities/agencies Army wide. Suggest entire message be reproduced and shared with Commanders and Education Center Personnel as a means to educate and protect Soldiers from fraud and to recognize other similar schemes.
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**Hometown Briefs**

**Old job skills no longer enough**
*The Gazette*


Two animated film clips grabbed the attention of some Academy School District 20 high school students during a workshop Thursday on what kinds of technology-related jobs might be available in their future.

They got to ponder the use of light and shadows, movement and the like after viewing previews for "Delgo" and "Open Season," films animated with the use of Maya software that Lanka Elson, chairwoman of the Information Technology Department at Colorado Technical University used in her demonstration.

In the session about computer graphics, Elson told the students about a number of related career possibilities, especially for those who enjoy learning to use new software. But other skills are needed, too, she said.

Creating an animated character for a film? Might be useful to know something about anatomy.

Building a three dimensional set? Better learn geometry. Not to mention the need for skills to write a script.

The idea behind the series of workshops, sponsored by Junior Achievement and colleges for about 300 high school students, was to help them see what kinds of skills they might need for careers in the 21st Century. There also were workshops on health care, economics, civic and political literacy and global awareness.

**Hazmat teams teach firefighters**
*Killeen Daily Herald*


When an alcohol-based paint caused a spontaneous combustion fire at Materials Transportation Company Wednesday night, Temple Fire Department's hazardous materials team responded. They suited up, isolated the area and traced the cause to the paint.

Earlier Wednesday the team was at a training course at the Bell County Expo Center led by the regional response team of the Killeen, Lampasas and Temple fire departments, which covers seven counties. The training was part of a four-day 16-hour course to familiarize smaller and volunteer departments with hazmat recognition, equipment and decontamination station setup.

The need for hazmat training used to be a lesser priority reserved for large departments, but like many things, it changed after Sept. 11, 2001. Now, a mysterious white powder mailed in a letter becomes a possible anthrax incident and hazmat teams are the only ones skilled, equipped and allowed to handle toxic situations. After Sept. 11, 2001, the federal government increased funding to provide departments with technology that was previously unaffordable, said Scott Tippen with the Temple Fire Department.

Killeen fire department has comparable equipment, and Thursday night firefighters demonstrated their hazmat suits to Little River- Academy and Holland fire departments.

"It's good for them to know what to expect when we come over. You'd be surprised how many people don't even know you can call for a hazmat team," Killeen fire Lt. Randy Pearson said.

Killeen hazmat responded to a mysterious chemical found in a gas can under a Nolanville bridge in 2008; a liquid oxygen spill on Roy Reynolds and Rancier Avenue; and an explosive "chlorine bomb," chlorine enclosed in a bottle, constructed by a teenager in Lampasas, Pearson said.

**Bill limits drivers' use of cell phones**
*The Honolulu Star Bulletin*


The City Council is poised to ban drivers in Oahu from text messaging and playing video games but might also consider a stricter law later that would forbid motorists from holding and talking on their cellular phones.



The City Council Public Safety and Services Committee advanced yesterday what would be the first ban in the state on text-messaging and video game-playing by motorists. The City Council could take final action as early as its Jan. 28 meeting.

"There is no place to send text messages or play video games while you're driving," said Councilman Charles Djou.

But the Honolulu Police Department and the city Prosecutor's Office warned councilmembers that it would be virtually impossible to enforce this law.

Under the proposal, drivers could still talk on their phones and check their messages.

"It's a good concept," said Deputy Prosecutor Lori Nishimura. "We are concerned from an enforcement standpoint. We're not sure if the officer is able to tell, when you are touching your cell phone buttons, what it is for."

Nishimura added that drivers could easily object to the ticket by saying they were checking their calendar on the phone, or some other excuse that does not involve text messaging or video games.

Councilman Rod Tam introduced a more restrictive bill that would allow drivers to use their phones only with a hands-free device - a law that would be easier to enforce, Nishimura said.

"It doesn't make sense to pass a bill that's nonenforceable," Tam said. "This bill just goes to the wayside if it's signed into law. You're putting a burden on the Police Department."

But Djou argued that the state has for years considered a ban on drivers talking on their cell phones but repeatedly failed. Djou said it would be better to pass the law as soon as possible than to introduce later a separate, more restrictive measure.

Djou had initially introduced the cell phone text-messaging ban in November. Yesterday's meeting was the first time the City Council considered a more restrictive ban on cell-phone use while driving.

**Fayetteville man wins \$1 million in lottery**
*The Fayetteville Observer*


Daniel Vinson of Fayetteville won \$1 million in the North Carolina lottery on Wednesday night.

He claimed his prize Thursday.

According to lottery officials, Vinson first thought he'd won \$200,000 in Wednesday's Powerball drawing.

Then he called his son, who reminded him that he had added the Power Play option to his ticket, boosting the prize to \$1 million.

How could he forget the Power Play? "I guess I was just so excited about having won \$200,000," he said.

Vinson bought his winning ticket at Rainbow Grocery on Dunn Road. He says he will take his family on a Caribbean cruise, then put the rest away for retirement.

Vinson isn't the first person in Fayetteville to win \$1 million in the state lottery. Retired Soldier Joseph Costanzo won \$1 million in the state lottery in December 2007.


**Hometown Briefs**

**Snow blankets city, causes accidents**
*The Capital Journal*


Jesse Lundquist, student meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Topeka, said snow hit Topeka about 2 a.m. and should come to an end this morning.

“There is no chance for precipitation over the weekend,” Lundquist said.

At 9 a.m., Topeka was sitting at 10 degrees, he said. The high for today will reach 26 degrees. Saturday will warm up, with temperatures topping out in the low- to mid-40s, Lundquist said.

The average snowfall in January is 4.8 inches, he said. So far, Topeka has received 1 inch, well below the normal, Lundquist said.

Leavenworth and Johnson counties are receiving the most snow in the area, he said.

In Topeka, the police department responded to several accidents this morning, according to dispatchers. At 10:30 a.m., the department was in Phase III emergency accident reporting. During Phase III, motorists involved in noninjury accidents are asked to exchange information and file reports at the law enforcement center when conditions clear. Officers continue to respond to injury accidents, hit-and-runs and crashes where a vehicle may be disabled.

**Gourmet jungle cat scat coffee on sale**
*The Local*


Perk up gourmet coffee lovers, a Hamburg coffee shop is selling beans harvested from the faeces of an Asian civet that eats ripe coffee berries and partially digests them, daily Hamburger Morgenpost reported on Friday.

The cat scat delicacy, called Kopi Luwak, is almost like “coffee out of a litter box,” the paper said.

The Asian palm civet, or luwak, is a weasel-like mammal native to Southeast Asia. It eats the local fresh coffee berries as part of its natural diet. It swallows the fruits whole, partially digests them and passes only the pit, or bean.

The beans are then harvested from the cat’s faeces, and later washed and roasted at red-hot temperatures. Enzymes in the animal’s digestive track give the beans a distinctive aroma and provide a taste that has a hint of chocolate and low acidity, experts say.

“We wanted to offer our customers something individual,” Jan Schawe, owner of the coffee shop Mutterland in Hamburg’s St. Georg district told the paper. The shop is the city’s first to serve the fragrant coffee.

“Cat coffee didn’t really sound tasty to start with but the flavour is really good,” Jacqueline Wenske told the Hamburger Morgenpost after trying the brown brew.

But Katzenkaffee is not just bizarre, it’s also hard to come by. “It’s the complex production that makes the coffee so rare,” Sabine Schlüter, owner of Lloyd Caffee in Bremen, which offers Kopi Luwak as well, told the paper. “The coffee is collected by hand in the jungle,” the coffee expert added.

Customers don’t just have to have a slow gag reflex to consider ingesting the liquid. At €7 a cup, Kopi Luwak’s price is enough to turn the stomach. Painstakingly combing through excrement does not come without a price. The beans cost €224 per pound because only 230 to 450 kilogrammes are available on the world market each year, the paper reported.

**Expansion of apartment complex**
*The Montgomery Advertiser*


The Prattville Planning Commission accepted a proposal Thursday afternoon that could lead to the expansion of an east Prattville apartment complex, over the objections of several property owners in the area.

Brentwood Landing 2 would bring in an additional 98 units, almost doubling the number of apartments there now.

The new apartments would back up to Heather Moreland’s backyard in the Highland Ridge subdivision.

“When I first heard about this proposal I admit I was worried about my property (values) and my backyard,” she told the panel during a public hearing on the matter. “I would prefer single Family homes go in that property, so it would stay in line with the neighborhood. Apartments are going to degrade over time. I’m sure for the first three or four years they will look great. But they will degrade no matter how well they are built.”

About a dozen property owners spoke at the Planning Commission meeting, expressing concern over increased traffic and noise, and the impact on property values if the expansion goes through.

Avant Properties is the developer for the project, which is on land now outside the city. The Planning Commission is recommending the City Council annex the area and zone it for apartments.

The Planning Commission acts in an advisory role only -- it has no regulatory power. The City Council can accept or reject its recommendation when it comes to vote on the matter.

David Avant of Avant Properties said the apartments fill a need in the community.

“You look around and there’s not much of a market for single-Family homes right now in Prattville, but there are apartment complexes going up all over town,” he said.

Brentwood Apartments has some units that are subsidized for low-income residents. The proposed expansion also would have subsidized units.

Amy Todd said the expansion would bring trouble to the neighborhood.

“This area is zoned for Daniel Pratt (Elementary School),” she said. “The problems you have with subsidized housing will come to Daniel Pratt. It’s not being discriminatory; that’s just the way it is. We don’t want low-income residents in the neighborhood.”

Eddie Barnes recently retired from the Marine Corps after about 30 years.

**2 pigs, dog found roaming Interstate**
*The Dallas Morning News*


A 71-year-old man was in critical condition this morning after a three-vehicle wreck that may have been caused by two pigs and a dog on Interstate 30, authorities said.

According to the Dallas County sheriff’s department, the man, who was not identified, was driving east on the interstate near Buckner Boulevard when he collided with two other vehicles.

Investigators found two pigs and a dog roaming the freeway when they arrived and believe they came from one of the vehicles. It was unclear if they got loose before or after the accident.

Authorities shut down the highway for several hours to investigate. Dallas Animal Services has since captured the animals.

No other information was immediately available.

## Sports

# Playoff strategy: Just get in

Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. – Just Do It? How about Just Get In, then just do it?

The key to the NFL playoffs this decade has been to simply qualify. After that, even the unthinkable – Cardinals vs. Eagles for the NFC championship – becomes possible.

At the outset of the millennium, the Baltimore Ravens went from wild card to Super Bowl champion. Five years later, the Pittsburgh Steelers became the first No. 6 seed to win it all; coincidentally, those teams meet Sunday for the AFC title after Arizona and Philadelphia settle the NFC crown.

In 2007-08, the New York Giants rode their road prowess, adding three away wins in the playoffs as a No. 5 seed to seven straight road victories during the regular season, then upsetting unbeaten New England in the Super Bowl.

And now, the sixth-seeded Eagles and the No. 4 Cardinals, who won the NFL's

weakest division, are one step from the big game.

When they meet Sunday at University of Phoenix Stadium, it will be the first NFC title matchup of nine-win teams from the regular season. So, just get in.

"Teams have their ups and downs," said cornerback Rod Hood, now with the Cardinals and a Super Bowl participant with the Eagles in January 2005, when they lost to New England. "So for them to bounce back ... Philly never had a problem with talent or scheme-wise. They had their ups and downs and I think went through a down period there, but now they're playing their best games."

In other words, get in and get going, which the Eagles (11-6-1) have done in wins at Minnesota and at the Meadowlands against the defending champion Giants.

That's also what the Cardinals have managed. They clinched the NFC West before any other team secured a division title. But there were a series of stinkers along the

way, and after assuring their playoff spot, the Cardinals barely showed up in losses to the Vikings and Patriots.

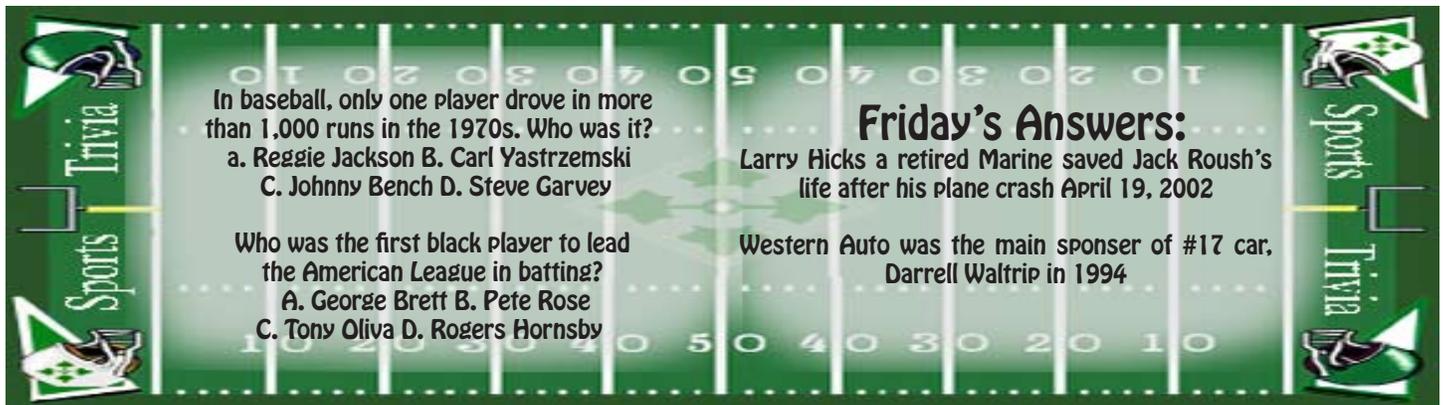
Few thought they had gotten back on track with their victory over Seattle in the season finale; the Seahawks were awful this season, as was the entire division, against which Arizona went 6-0.

But they had, and emphatically proved that with playoff victories against Atlanta and at Carolina, improving to 11-7.

"I thought we had a good team this year, though obviously we did not play well at times; that has been well-documented," said Ken Whisenhunt, who two years ago to the day was introduced as Cardinals coach. "It's always a question of playing well at the right time."

If you do that, well, the possibilities are endless, whether you are a wild card or a division winner that struggled to the finish line.

"Anything is possible once you get in the tournament," Cardinals guard Reggie Wells said. "Anything."



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