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BOC opens new command information center



by Spc. Benjamin Crane, MND-B PAO

Gen. Abud Quanbar al-Maliki, commander of the Baghdad Operations Command, gets ready to cut the ribbon to the new command information center inside Adnon Palace located in the Iraqi-controlled International Zone Jan. 19.

By Spc. Benjamin Crane
MND-B PAO

BAGHDAD – In another step forward for Iraqi Security Forces, the Baghdad Operations Command opened a new command information center inside Adnon Palace located in the Iraqi-controlled International Zone Jan. 19.

The CIC will give Iraqi military planners and coordinators in Baghdad a central hub from which to plan and operate.

“We needed this CIC to better facilitate combined operations planning, coordination and intelligence analysis at this national level of operations command,” said Col. William Salter, advisor chief, Baghdad Operations Command Advisory Team.

“The BOC occupied a portion of Adnon Palace that was previously utilized by another (Government of Iraq) agency, and the

existing floor plan was not conducive to proper staff functions. This new CIC has an open floor plan and seats the Iraqi plans, operations, and intelligence sections in the same room along with their U.S. counterparts, and it has all the necessary automations of a modern (tactical operations center).”

Iraqi Gen. Abud Quanbar al-Maliki, commander of the BOC, thanked the Soldiers of the 46th Engineer Battalion, 926th Eng. Brigade, Multi-National Division – Baghdad, and the BOCAT for their efforts and hard work in helping complete this project.

Abud also thanked Maj. Gen. Jeffery Hammond, commanding general of MND-B and the 4th Infantry Division, for his support in making this moment possible.

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Sadr City opens parks, sports complex in former Special Group bastion

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

SADR CITY, Iraq – As rockets crashed down in central Baghdad nine months ago, Special Groups criminals roamed the areas once intended for children to frolic and athletic endeavors to be achieved in Sadr City.

But today, the children were back at play in northeast Baghdad as local government leaders opened the Faoo Family Park and the Regular 6 Sports Complex.

The facilities, which were once used for Special Groups to launch deadly attacks against the fortified Green Zone, were celebrated Jan. 17 for being returned to the citizens as well as the military accomplishment of seizing the land back from the criminals.

“This park is for all the people to use it and all the Families inside Sadr City,” said Sheikh Jamar Shahan, who runs the pub-

lic workers in the Sadr City district. “It’s a joint venture between the Iraqi Government, all the Sheikhs, and the support of the U.S. Army and U.S. Government.”

The two separate projects, which each cost nearly \$500,000 to complete, are a landmark event for the Iraqi people in this once forgotten district. These projects symbolize a return to normalcy not known here since the days before Saddam Hussein ruled this land.

“We can see the happiness in the eyes of the children. We are proud of our job and we are proud to be a part of this team,” said Buad Abdul Sadr, the senior engineer in charge of refurbishing the park and sports complex.

The park, which boasts swing sets, a playground, benches and

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MND-B celebrates MLK's legacy



by Staff Sgt. Brock Jones, MND-B PAO

CAMP LIBERTY, Iraq – Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Talley, commander, 926th Engineer Brigade, Multi-National Division – Baghdad, takes a moment to reflect on the life of Martin Luther King Jr. during the MND-B Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration held at the Division Chapel Jan. 19. The celebration was organized and hosted by Soldiers of the 926th Eng. Bde., MND-B, and provided the Soldiers and civilians in attendance with the opportunity to remember one of America's most inspirational leaders.

Sadr City sports complex symbolizes hope, progress for Iraqi people

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other childhood leisure activities, is a place for children to spend their free time.

The sports complex, which hosted its first event moments after the ceremonial ribbon was cut, is a place where future Iraqi National Team hopefuls will hone their skills on the soccer field, weight room and wrestling room.

"It's very good and it's very beautiful. We're going to use it every day. We want to be on the Iraqi National Team," said Majid Kareeb, a boy from the Sadr City district who attended each event.

Regular 6 Sports Complex is so named after Lt. Col. Brian Eifler, a Farmington Hills, Mich., native, who commands Task Force 1-6, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, which is currently attached to 3rd BCT, 4th Infantry Division, Multi-National Division – Baghdad. Eifler commanded the American troops responsible for reclaiming this land as well as the improvements made there following the defeat of Special Groups in Sadr City.

The events concluded with a short ceremony, during which Col. John Hort, a Fayetteville, N.C., native, threw down a challenge to his Iraqi counterparts in attendance.

"I challenge anybody in this room to a wrestling match and a football match – Jaysh Iraqi versus the Coalition. That's the future," said Hort, who commands the 3rd BCT, 4th Inf. Div.



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

During a friendly "futball" demonstration, an Iraqi man attempts to dribble the ball past the defender during the match played in Baghdad's Sadr City district Jan. 17.

Baghdad's first environmental symposium

By Chief Warrant Officer 3
Jennifer Keefer

926th Eng. Bde. PAO,
BAGHDAD – Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Talley, the commander of Multi-National Division – Baghdad's 926th Engineer Brigade, spoke at Baghdad's first environmental symposium in the Mansour Hotel Jan. 12 and provided the attendees an overview of the environmental challenges and possible solutions surrounding Baghdad.

Talley, a native of South Bend, Ind., is Baghdad's Chief Engineer for Multi-National Division – Baghdad. He earned a Ph.D. in civil and environmental engineering and is a registered professional engineer. In his civilian profession,

Dr. Talley is an Associate Professor of Environmental Engineering at the University of Notre Dame, and his specialty includes environmental processes and treatment of contaminated surface water, groundwater, soil and sediment.

The conference was a joint venture by Iraqi and MND-B officials.

MND-B's Joint Reconstruction Operations Center, from the 926th Eng. Bde., was instrumental in working in partnership with the Baghdad Provisional Council to plan and conduct the first environmental conference in Iraq," said Col. Dwight Pearson, JROC's director.

The Baghdad Provisional Council consists of the Ministry of Health, the Amanat Baghdad and the Ministry of Environment.

Some of the environmental problems



by Patricia Ryan, JROC, 926th Eng. Bde.

Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Talley, commander of 926th Engineer Brigade, Multi-National Division – Baghdad, speaks to the gathered attendees during Baghdad's first environmental symposium Jan. 5 at the Mansour Hotel in Baghdad.

discussed during the conference included landfills, sewage, water and air pollution, in addition to medical and industrial waste.

Talley said some of the main environmental challenges in Baghdad include the aging and war damaged infrastructure in addition to the tremendous urban growth.

"As we progress to restore peace, we have to balance the environmental concerns of land/soil, water, air, sediment and trash," said Talley. "With the population of Baghdad reaching 8 million, the key to sustaining life is balance. We need to act locally but think globally."

The Notre Dame professor used a verbal illustration of a cup of clean hot water, then adding a tea bag to the liquid shows how the color will change due to contamination.

"The same effect happens with soil, water, sediment and air that have been contaminated," he said. "In this case, we will have to remove the hazard (contaminants) and mitigated

exposure to the pollution."

Talley's overview included potential sources of the hazards: industrial waste and sewage; exposure pathways: dust and water intake; and risk controls: education, waste and water management.

"There has been some positive impacts provided by the Coalition Forces with the Government of Iraq," he said, "like water treatment, sewage collection and treatment, solid waste collection and disposal, and improving air quality to name a few."

He concluded his briefing with recommended solutions on the road to environmental recovery.

"The national energy policy should be linked to the environmental policy and public education," said Talley, "Involvement is important to successful environmental programs; pollution prevention and waste minimization plans need to be initiated. Water issues require international cooperation, and environmental solutions should focus first on human health and then ecology."

It is hoped this conference, which is the first of its kind in Baghdad, is merely the springboard for future environmental success in the area.

"It was rewarding to see such a good Iraqi turnout and demonstrates the fact they recognize the importance of environmental issues facing them today and in the future," said Pearson. "It was obvious that they appreciated Brig. Gen. Talley's keynote speech and support."

New CIC allows for better plans and operations

BOC, From Pg 1



by Spc. Benjamin Crane, MND-B PAO

New desks and chairs sit ready to be used inside the Baghdad Operations Command's new command information center located in the Iraqi-controlled International Zone Jan. 19.

Following the ceremony, Soldiers involved in the construction of the CIC expressed their gratitude for being involved in a project that will greatly help the ISF in Baghdad.

"It made me feel really good to know that we were appreciated," said Sgt. Marques Sweet, who serves as assistant squad leader with the 46th Eng. Bn., 926 Eng. Bde., MND-B.

The project took thirty days to complete as Soldiers from the 46th Eng. Bn., 926th Eng. Bde., worked in conjunction with Iraqi Army engineers from the 6th IA Div., to build the facility.

Soldiers laid plywood, put up drywall, hauled in furniture and hooked up video projectors to complete the brightly lit, three-tiered command center.



by Pfc. Lyndsey Dransfield, MND-B PAO

Player of the day

Today's player of the day is Walid Elyassaki for his outstanding performance as a member of the MND-B G7 Cultural Political Advisory Cell. Walid's expertise in Middle Eastern culture and language capability have greatly enhanced MND-B networks. He has a lot of heart and dedication toward mission accomplishment and is without a doubt today's player of the day.



Vehicle Commanders



IAW AR 385-10, Vehicle Commanders are responsible for the overall safety of all vehicle occupants and additionally:

- Ensuring the vehicle is operated safely IAW Army standards & driving laws
- Ensuring the driver is licensed for the vehicle to be operated
- Preventing operators who appear fatigued or physically, mentally and emotionally impaired from driving
- Ensuring all vehicle occupants use restraint devices at all times and is responsible for enforcement
- Ensuring the seating capacity is not exceeded
- Assisting the driver in identifying unsafe mechanical conditions and that they are reported to maintenance
- Identifying road and other driving hazards to assist the driver



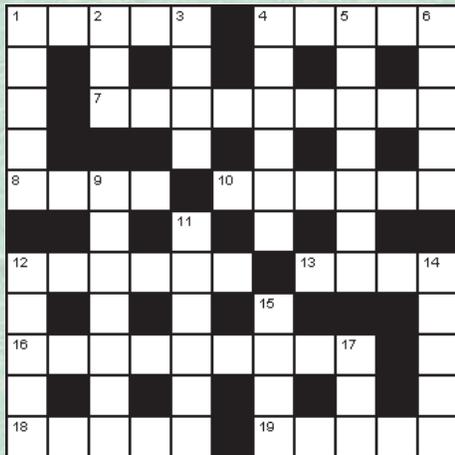
Vehicle Commanders, even the Bat-Mobile needs one!

Army Safe is Army Strong! Stay Focused! Stay Alert! Stay Alive!

This Week in 4th Infantry Division History

WWI 1918 – Occupation duty continued. The relationship between the men of the 4th Division and the local German population was characterized by courtesy, and when needed, by firmness. There was little price-gouging which was in contrast to what the Soldiers had experienced in France.

Daily Iron Games



- Across
- 1. Twelve 4. Hoard
 - 7. Unaware 8. Gape 10. Wore away 12. Birds of prey
 - 13. Notion 16. Large spider 18. The lowest point 19. Implied
- Down
- 1. Journal 2. Menagerie 3. World's longest river 4. Secret or hidden 5. Bustling 6. Abated
 - 9. Placed a bet 11. Thinner 12. Consumed 14. Proficient 15. Female relative 17. Part of a circle

Monday's word search challenge results



Safety Sense

Carbon Monoxide Poisoning –

Carbon Monoxide is a byproduct of burning products and can come from vehicle exhausts, generators, or unvented heaters. Carbon Monoxide is called the silent killer because it is an odorless, colorless, tasteless gas which can put the victim to sleep and if not rescued can result in death. Some symptoms of Carbon Monoxide exposure are lightheadedness, confusion, headaches, or a combination of these. If you see someone with these symptoms or you yourself experience them, evacuate the area immediately.



Fuel Operations Safety

- Shut down vehicles & equipment for fueling (cold fuel) per the Technical Manual
- Ensure fuel tankers are properly grounded & bond vehicles to the tanker to minimize any static electricity hazard
- Always have someone man a fire extinguisher during fueling operations
- No smoking, radio or cell phone use within 50' or fueling operations
- Wear the right protective equipment during fueling (splash proof goggles & fuel resistant gloves)
- Store fuel away from buildings & running generators, create fuel points with fire extinguishers nearby
- Ensure no mixing of water & fuel cans
- If water cans were used for fuel, they must be destroyed to prevent potential poisoning
- See FM 10-67-1 for more information



Army Safe is Army Strong!

Stay Focused!

Stay Alert!

Stay Alive!

Chaplain's Inspiration

The old motto of Soldiers during the Revolutionary War applies to many areas of life: "Trust in God, but keep you powder dry!" In other words, place your life in God's hands, but stay at the ready. Do all that you can to prepare yourself for battle, understanding that the ultimate outcome rests with the Lord. As we protect the nation of Iraq let us stay at the ready.

2 Corinthians 1:9 "We would not trust ourselves, but in God who will deliver us."

Daily Laugh

The American Air Force unveiled its new Battle Dress Uniform today. The utilitarian thing about the new uniform said Air Force representatives was that it has a built-in reversible Hawaiian shirt. 'This helps keep troops at the ready,' said one Air Force Official. 'If they are off duty they simply turn the shirt inside-out and come into work.'

David Letterman's Top Ten Answers To The Question, "How Cold Is It?"

10. It's so cold, Donald Trump's hair was shivering and rubbing its paws together
9. It's so cold, in New York City there are more polar bears than rats
8. It's so cold, Democrats are calling for an end to our dependence on foreign cocoa
7. It's so cold, ABC is debuting a new reality series, "Defrosting With The Stars"
6. It's so cold, Matthew McConaughey actually put on a shirt
5. No number 5 -- writer suffering hypothermia
4. It's so cold, Romney changed his first name to Mitten
3. It's so cold, Apple just introduced iScarf
2. It's so cold, Barack Obama is campaigning in Puerto Vallarta
1. It's so cold, Roger Clemens is injecting soup in his ass




Hometown Briefs

Many workers will be able to watch history
The Gazette


The 24 ceiling-mounted television sets in a Progressive Insurance office building in northern Colorado Springs typically carry company information for employees. On Tuesday, they'll be tuned to CNN so workers can watch the presidential inauguration.

At Ford Motor Credit's north side offices, employees who a few weeks ago watched the Big Three auto executives testify on Capitol Hill will have the chance to watch the next president take the oath of office.

And at defense contractor ITT Corp.'s systems division headquarters on the Springs' east side, employees were encouraged via e-mail to gather around large-screen monitors in a first-floor break room or in lobby areas of the building's three floors.

Presidential inaugurations take place only every four years, and some Springs-area employers say the ceremonies are significant no matter who's being sworn in. But some businesses also say the election of Barack Obama as the nation's first black president has prompted them to make accommodations so that otherwise busy workers can witness history.

Progressive's campus northwest of Voyager and Middle Creek parkways includes a pair of office buildings housing call-center operations, which serve customers of the Ohio-based auto insurance giant.

Local girls go green to earn green
Killeen Daily Herald


Some children mow neighbors' lawns to earn extra cash, but two sisters in the city have gone green to earn some extra green.

Madison and Peyton Taylor started collecting recyclable materials from their neighbors in Country Trails last fall as a way to help pay for a trip abroad. It also gives some people in Harker Heights the chance to recycle.

"When Madison was invited to go to China, we suggested 'why don't we start a recycling pickup?'" Peyton said.

The charge of \$10 a month for the service would help raise some money for Madison's trip, and Peyton would get to keep her share.

Since they started, their routine almost every Saturday is: wake up, have breakfast with their parents, climb into one of their parents' vehicles and pick up bags of recyclables at seven of their neighbors' homes in Country Trails. The girls then spend about an hour sorting the materials in their parents' garage before taking them to the Killeen Recycling Center at 111 E. Ave. F, said their mother, Anna Taylor.

The center is only open on even-dated Saturdays, so sometimes all the recycling sits in their garage, but eventually it is all recycled, Anna said. Madison, 12, and Peyton, 11, said they feel good about being able to do the job.

"I feel like I am taking charge of what I am doing," Madison said. "I feel like I am helping out and being useful."

The recycling rounds mean a lot for the sisters, not only because they put cash in their pockets, but also because they help protect the environment.

"It makes us feel really good about ourselves," Peyton said.

Stolen temple bell returned
The Honolulu Star Bulletin


Kaneohe Higashi Hongwanji temple members witnessed a miracle yesterday when a 200-pound church bell, reported stolen on Saturday, reappeared before their temple intact.



"We couldn't believe it," said Gladys Sakata, a volunteer and board member of the church. "We're so thankful that the person returned it."

Saturday morning, the Buddhist group's minister, who lives on the temple grounds at 45-520 Keaahala Road, stepped outside at 8:30 a.m. to find that the bronze-and-copper bell had been taken.

Distraught temple members made pleas to the media and called pawnshops and recycling centers asking them to look out for their bell.

As members gathered for post-service refreshments downstairs shortly after 10 a.m. yesterday, the minister stepped out of his residence to see the 2-foot-tall bell sitting just a few feet from where it had been taken.

Sakata said, "It was just so amazing because they brought it back, no damage to it, in broad daylight."

Teens tell of their homeless life
The Fayetteville Observer


For two months last fall, the Coltrane sisters had no place to call home. They lived with friends, at a motel and briefly at a house with no stove or bathroom floor.

Those were trying times for 15-year-old LaRico Coltrane, her older sister, Chantel, 17, and the youngest, 8-year-old Kashayia.

"We'd all be quiet, and Momma would be like, 'Say something, say something. We're all in this together,'"

LaRico said. "And we'd all start crying because we didn't know what to say."

More than 930 students in Guilford County schools are homeless, according to documents filed with the system. And school officials fear the number actually is much higher than that.

Terri Sims-Warren, a veteran social worker at Smith High School, estimates that 200 students there live in some state of homelessness. About 60 percent of those are homeless because of unemployment, she said.

"This year, I'm seeing more than I've ever seen with Guilford County," Sims-Warren said. The Coltrane Family has an apartment now, but life remains a battle.

LaToya Coltrane, the 35-year-old mother of the girls, admits she's made her share of mistakes that put the Family through hard times.

Four years ago, Coltrane spent a year in prison on drug charges. Since getting out, she's struggled to find a job. Her felony record makes finding work that much harder.

"I tell my kids all the time that in every Family you have to break the chain," Coltrane said. "I tell them you have to do better than I have, I'm a failure. That's why they all have straight A's."

Coltrane knows a good education is the only way her girls will have a better life, she said.

The walls of the bedroom shared by her daughters are covered with awards — social studies, honor roll, dance and many more.

But it isn't all work and no play. LaRico and Chantel are on their school band's dance team. "Music will take my mind off anything," Chantel said.


Hometown Briefs

Superintendent teaching at elementary
The Capital Journal


Tecumseh South Elementary School second-grader Matthew Ronnebaum likes his teacher Cindy Rice, but he especially enjoyed his substitute teacher Friday afternoon.

"He's cool," Matthew said Friday of Martin Stessman, superintendent of Shawnee Heights Unified School District 450. "He's funny."

Stessman ruffled hair, gave high fives and exchanged laughs with Rice's second-grade class from noon to 3 p.m. at the school, 3346 S.E. Tecumseh Road. Although Stessman taught high school English, he hasn't taught in an elementary school setting.

"I think she bribed them, prepped them or rewarded them into behaving," he said jokingly. "They were a good group."

Tice was one of six winners districtwide in a contest the district had in conjunction with its United Way campaign. The district raised about \$23,000 for the organization. The drawing allowed Tice to have one afternoon off from her duties as a teacher.

As Tice shopped, Stessman taught her students about cursive letters and math.

"Let's take about 42.3 seconds to finish this, and then we'll get to math," Stessman told students as they finished working on perfecting cursive letter Ts.

Second-grader Christopher Bish, 7, smiled as Stessman walked by and congratulated him on his proper technique.

"He's good," Christopher said.

Stessman has no plans to head back to the classroom as a teacher, but he did enjoy his time at Tecumseh South.

"It was fun," he said.

Germany must diversify energy
The Local


Germany's economy minister has called for diversifying the country's energy sources after the recent gas crisis in Europe, hinting Berlin should take another look at phasing out nuclear power.

"The current gas crisis has been it clear to the eyes of everyone that we cannot allow ourselves to reject any source of energy," Michael Glos told the Monday edition of business newspaper Handelsblatt.

Germany is in the process of phasing out nuclear energy plants by 2020, a plan voted on under previous leftist Social Democrat (SPD) chancellor Gerhard Schröder, and was a condition for SPD to join the current "grand coalition" government of conservative Angela Merkel. But Glos, a fellow conservative, predicted that the next German parliament will vote on extending the life of the country's nuclear plants. Merkel, who is expected to remain chancellor after general elections in September, has let it be known that she would campaign for extending the life of the most modern nuclear plants.

The energy debate has intensified since the supply of Russian gas to Europe was disrupted over a payment dispute between Russia and the transit country Ukraine, which may finally be resolved Monday after a standoff that began on January 1.

But Germany has lost confidence in its energy suppliers in the wake of the crisis and must take steps to be better equipped in the future, Glos said.

Musician meets challenging pieces
The Montgomery Advertiser


No test of a cellist's ability is more exacting than the unaccompanied suites of J. S. Bach -- and Dan Totan, the Montgomery Symphony's cello fellow, passed that test admirably on Sunday.

Playing the second of his Fellowship Series concerts at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts, Totan was a master of Bach's sixth suite for unaccompanied cello. Before the piece, he explained that the suite was written for five-string cello no longer common and that it is customary now to play it on the modern four-string cello, which makes it much more difficult.

However, the six movements of this piece (seven if you count both Gavottes) were under careful control in Totan's deft, skillful playing. The result was a highly accomplished but academic performance without much subtlety or tonal warmth.

A greater artistic test was the piece that followed: Gyrgy Ligeti's "Sonata for Cello Solo," a four-movement work calling for technical prowess as well as tonal nuance. Totan's performance was clear evidence of his consummate musicianship.

He made musical sense of passages calling for bending pitches by sliding fingers over the fingerboard when strings were plucked, and his handling of very rapid bowing in lightning fast sections was markedly precise. But it was the overall musical quality of this performance that rose above the preceding Bach sonata for color, phrasing, and especially a resonant, less abrasive tone.

To conclude the program, pianist Vadim Serebryany joined Totan for Schubert's "Sonata for Arpeggione and Piano in A." Announcing this three-movement piece, Totan explained that an "Arpeggione" was essentially a bowed, six-string guitar created in Schubert's time and not played since. So Bernhard Gunther transcribed the sonata for cello, which Totan played in this program.

Children honor Martin Luther King Jr.
The Dallas Morning News


The Dallas fifth-grader paused for a second before his booming voice delivered words meant to come from the mouth of Martin Luther King Jr.

"It's been 40 long years since I last spoke to you," said Dalton Sherman. "Oh, how things have changed. Don't you agree?"

More than 100 people gathered at the House of Blues in downtown Dallas to watch Dalton and other children honor King.

The event, the first of its kind at the venue, gave children the opportunity to learn about the civil rights leader and to showcase their abilities in honor of him, said Nazanin Fatemian, the International House of Blues Foundation's director.

"This is a tribute to the life words and ideologies of Dr. King," she said.

Dalton, who this past fall wowed a crowd of 17,000 Dallas ISD staff at the American Airlines Center, took center stage Monday and kicked off the King tribute.

He was followed by Dallas Black Dance Academy performers who dressed in black and white outfits. The Potter House's Voices of Destiny Choir brought audience members to their feet with a musical tribute.

Adults in the International House of Blues Foundation's School-House band also showcased King's life with songs and words.

Sports

Super Bowl to reunite Steelers, Cardinals coaches

Reuters

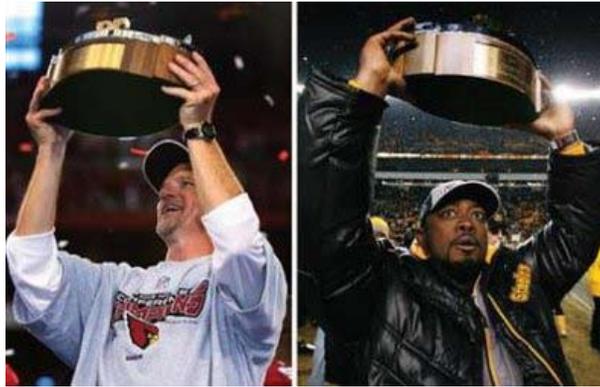
PITTSBURGH (Reuters) – The Pittsburgh Steelers say they will face an emotional test in their quest for a record sixth Super Bowl title when they face the Arizona Cardinals in Tampa on Feb 1.

The Cardinals, who reached their first Super Bowl by beating the Philadelphia Eagles 32-25 in Sunday's NFC title game, are coached by key members of the Pittsburgh staff that guided the Steelers to the NFL championship three years ago.

Arizona head coach Ken Whisenhunt was offensive coordinator for Pittsburgh and his assistant coach Russ Grimm was also on the Steelers staff as were four other members of the Cardinals coaching crew.

"It's going to be emotional for us," said Pittsburgh offensive tackle Max Starks after the Steelers' 23-14 victory over the Baltimore Ravens in Sunday's AFC Championship tilt.

"Those are the coaches I won my last



Reuters

Arizona Cardinals head coach Ken Whisenhunt and Pittsburgh Steelers head coach Mike Tomlin hoist their trophies in a composite image, January 18, 2008.

Super Bowl with. But it's going to be old school versus new school. I think it's going to be a challenge."

The defense-minded Steelers will have to stop a Cardinals air attack led by veteran quarterback Kurt Warner and dazzling receiver Larry Fitzgerald to pass out the Dallas Cowboys and San Francisco 49ers on

five Super Bowl championships a piece.

"It's going to be a good test. They have a good team and are clicking on all cylinders just like we are," Starks said. "So it's going to be a great ball game."

When Mike Tomlin was elevated from defensive coordinator to replace Bill Cowher as head coach, the passed-over Whisenhunt took the Cardinals top job and brought with him Grimm and others including special teams coach Kevin Spencer.

They have steered the Cardinals within one win of their first NFL title in 61 years.

"I'm proud and happy for Coach Whisenhunt, Coach Grimm and Coach Spencer," Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger said.

"It is going to be fun to play them again. They beat us last time we played them at their place last year. It's going to be a fun match-up, I'm sure."

Sports Trivia

Who was the first player for the Mets franchise to win the N.L. Rookie of the year award?
A. Mookie Wilson B. Ron Darling
C. Doc Gooden D. Tom Seaver

What was Ted Williams' batting line in 1941 during the final game of that season?
A. He did not play in the final game!
B. 0 for 4, with 4 strikeouts
C. 3. with a single and a double
D. 5 for 5, with 3 homers and 2 singles

Sports Trivia

Monday's Answers:
Johny Bench Drove in 1,013 runs in the 1970s.

Tony Oliva, in his first full season in the Majors, hit .323 for the Twins, and won the AL Rookie of the Year Award. He also won the batting title the following season with a .321 average. Although born in Cuba, MLB listed him as a black player. The others listed did not match the ethnic background.



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