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Mayor opens water treatment facility

By Maj. Mike Humphreys

3rd BCT PAO, 4th Inf. Div.

BAGHDAD – Tribal leaders, Sadr City council members, Iraqi workers and engineers, and members of the Baghdad Water Authority gathered at the Sadr City Rusafa Water Treatment Facility in the Hay Ur neighborhood of the Adhamiyah district of Baghdad to witness the U.S. Ambassador to Iraq and Baghdad's mayor officially open the modern facility Jan. 21.

U.S. Ambassador Ryan Crocker thanked the crowd of approximately 200 guests for the opportunity to open the facility he said would help shape the future of Baghdad and Iraq.

"This is truly a strategic project," Crocker said. "It provides 96,000 cubic meters of water to Baghdad per day, and the United States of America is proud and pleased to have financed this project and to see it through to completion with our close friends and our partners in the mayoralty and the



by Maj. Mike Humphreys, 3rd BCT PAO, 4th Inf. Div..

Ryan Crocker, the U.S. Ambassador to Iraq, watches as Baghdad Mayor Navet Al Essawi cuts a ribbon to officially open the Sadr City Rusafa Water Treatment Facility in the Hay Ur neighborhood of the Adhamiyah district of Baghdad Jan. 21.

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Gol continues payments to Sol in Yusifiyah

By Spc. Kevin Holden

2nd BCT PAO, 1st Armd. Div.

BAGHDAD – The Government of Iraq continued with its commitment to the Sons of Iraq program with its third payment to the SoI members at two Iraqi Army patrol bases Jan. 14 in Yusifiyah, south of Baghdad.

The Government of Iraq has paid SoI members their \$300 monthly salaries, which is roughly equal to 356,850 Iraqi Dinars, since November. It is a task previously performed by Coalition Forces and serves to highlight the transition of Iraq's security and governance from the CF's shoulders to the GOI's.

Soldiers from Company B, 1st Battalion, 63rd Armored Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, Multi-National Division – Baghdad, visited the two patrol bases and ob-

served the payday activities taking place.

The first patrol base the Soldiers visited to observe the pay activities was Patrol Base Lion's Den, a site manned by Iraqi Army soldiers from the 2nd Battalion, 23rd Brigade, 17th IA Division, which is commanded by Lt. Col. Fataeh Rashed Hamed.

Sheik Kiid, an SoI leader from Bilsam, was at the patrol base with 165 of his SoI tribal members for payment for their security services.

The SoI program involves tribal leaders and members in providing security for their own neighborhoods and communities, much like an armed neighborhood watch program.

"Since the SoI program first began, violence in Iraq has de-

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Strykehorse mechanics share knowledge



by Sgt. Brandon Vacchelli, 2nd SBCT, 25th Inf. Div.

Staff Sgt. Jarod Busch, a native of Mason City, Iowa, assists an Iraqi Army soldier from the 2nd Battalion, 53rd IA Brigade, as he fixes a tail light cover Jan. 17 near Joint Security Station Saab al Bour, northwest of Baghdad. Mechanics assigned to the Combat Repair Team for 2nd Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment "Strykehorse," 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team "Warrior," 25th Infantry Division, Multi-National Division – Baghdad, welcomed the opportunity to share their knowledge of vehicle repair with their IA counterparts. Busch is a light wheeled vehicle mechanic assigned to 2nd Sqdn., 14th Cav. Regt.

Sol members line up for payday in Yusifiyah

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clined," said Sgt. 1st Class Jimmy Turbeville, of Pueblos, N.M., a platoon sergeant for Company B "Bounty Hunters", 1-63 Armd. Regt.

Turbeville said approximately 3,800 SoI were receiving pay in this region and the process to pay them all would take a few days.

For many of the Soldiers from 1-63 Armd. Regt., working in partnership with the Iraqi Army is a welcome change from their previous deployments to Iraq.

"This deployment is different because U.S. forces are doing joint operations with the Iraqi Army," said Staff Sgt. Brian Totten, of Hermoso, S.D., an infantryman in Company B, 1-63 CAB. "I'm still getting used to working with the IA."

The Soldiers from the "Bounty Hunters" continued on their patrol and arrived at the headquarters for the 3rd Battalion, 23rd Brigade, 17th Iraqi Army Division, in Radwaniyah, as their last stop of the day.

There, another large group of SoI members were lined up in organized single file lines to show their identification, sign their name and give a thumb print in order to receive their salary.

"This patrol base is responsible for 875 SoI," said Lt. Col. Hatem Hamid Garieb, commander of the 3rd Bn., 23rd Bde., 17th IA Div.

This is a time of transition for the SoI members as the GOI and the IA are assuming the duties and mission that the CF previously performed and also transitioning the SoI to either security roles or other productive employment.



by Spc. Kevin Holden, 2nd BCT PAO, 1st Armd. Div.

Sons of Iraq stand in line Jan. 14 to receive pay at Patrol Base Lion's Den in Yusifiyah. The Government of Iraq has paid the salaries of Sol members since November.

Soldier in focus

Today's Soldier in Focus is Chief Warrant Officer 4 Kenneth Wash, an engineer equipment repair warrant officer assigned to 926th Engineer Brigade, Multi-National Division – Baghdad. Wash, a native of St. Louis, Mo., has served for 30 years as an Army Reserve Soldier. He said he has noticed a major shift away from violence and a growing acceptance by the Iraqi people during the deployment. "When we arrived here, the route-clearance equipment and our cranes were taking a serious beating," said Wash. "There were several types of insurgent attacks on a continuous basis. The level has dropped significantly, allowing for engineer projects to be completed. It seems like the more we improve the surrounding neighborhoods of Baghdad, the more markets open and the violence drops some more and normalcy returns." As a civilian, Wash manages an independent automotive repair facility and is married to Jean Wash. The couple has four children: Justin, 19, Andrew, 17, Nathan, 12 and Lauren, 10.

by Chief Warrant Officer 3 Jennifer Keefer, 926th Eng. Bde. PAO



Water treatment facility distributes reliable power to Sadr City



by Maj. Mike Humphreys, 3rd BCT PAO, 4th Inf. Div.

A young Iraqi girl holds the ceremonial scissors for the cutting of the ribbon to officially open the Sadr City Rusafa Water Treatment Facility in the Hay Ur neighborhood of the Ad-hamiyah district of Baghdad Jan. 21. The facility, completed in October at a cost of \$65 million, took three years to complete. It provides 4,000 cubic meters of fresh water per hour to northeastern Baghdad, to include 27 sectors of Sadr City.

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government.”

The Rusafa Water Treatment Facility, completed in October at a cost of \$65 million, took three years to complete. It provides 4,000 cubic meters of fresh water per hour to northeastern Baghdad, to include 27 sectors of Sadr City. “This project is the most important, and probably the biggest, project for Sadr City,” said Navet Al Essawi, Baghdad mayor. “This project and others like it will clear the path of terrorism.”

The facility has been providing potable water to Sadr City and surrounding areas for more than three months. The ceremony served to not only demonstrate a return of essential services to the region but is a symbol of closure for a people in an area that had been marred by violence for so long, said Maj. Brian Horine, the civil military operations officer for the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, who assisted the Baghdad government with the ceremony.

“This opening is about what the

Government of Iraq has done for the people. This facility was started more than two years ago when Sadr City was in the height of bad times,” said Horine, a native of Phoenix. “Today, security and stability has returned, allowing this to happen.”

The mayor thanked Coalition Forces for their help and guidance in making the new facility a realization and said the project was the first part of a five step strategic plan for Baghdad.

Horine echoed the Mayor's words, explaining that the opening of the water treatment facility is just a start to many equally important projects soon to be completed, such as an electric substation not far from the Rusafa Water Treatment Facility, which will distribute reliable power to the people of Sadr City. The mayor assured the audience that the Baghdad government and the GoI are committed to the people.

“The people of Sadr City and their neighbors have suffered from a water deficiency for 10 years. Now they can rest and be secure that they have someone to look after them,” Navet said.



by Pfc. Lyndsey Dransfield, MND-B PAO

Player of the day

Today's player of the day is George Indyke for outstanding performance as the MND-B Policy Advisor. His efforts have greatly enhanced the G7 engagement cell's ability to plan and synchronize key leader engagements. He is a significant enabler whose selfless service and dedication has greatly contributed to the success of the MND-B. He is without a doubt today's player of the day.

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.
- Engine 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

Vietnam 1967 – Operation Sam Houston continued. 1-10 Cavalry discovered an enemy complex of eight foxholes and machine gun emplacements which they destroyed. At the end of this week, 1-8 Infantry was moved from Tuy Hoa by air north to aid in the patrolling through Pleiku and Kontum Provinces.

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.**

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

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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.

Wednesday's Sudoku challenge results

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

Safety Sense

IRAQ ANIMALS

Should you encounter an animal, especially dogs, in your working or living areas, move away deliberately without turning your back or running away. Shining a light or yelling may help scare them away, but never corner them as this too may trigger an attack. All bites should be treated as likely rabies exposure and you must seek medical assistance. Any sighting or encounters should be reported to the Mayors' Cell immediately. And finally, remember never to shoot at an animal unless it is a matter of life or limb.

Chaplain's Inspiration

Character and Moral Courage: God's ultimate goal for your life on earth is not comfort, but character development. As Soldiers we understand our life is not about comfort and convenience. Every day we have the opportunity to invest in our character by allowing God to shape and mold us as his instrument. Let us strive to be servant leaders of character as we protect and secure the population of Iraq.

Colossians 2:8 Let us be rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

David Letterman's Top Ten Reasons I Like Being An Accountant

10. "My exciting lifestyle is the envy of all my claims adjuster colleagues" (Arthur Drucker)
9. "I made ten grand doing taxes for Leona Helmsley's dog" (Richard Koenigsberg)
8. "Numbers are my only friends" (Andrew Rubin)
7. "What other job allows you to show up for work in just a suit and tie?" (Lou DeFalco)
6. "Mild-mannered day job protects my true identity: Batman" (William Bregman)
5. "I'm always the first to hear about all the latest calculator innovations" (Steven Goldsteen)
4. "I was a finalist on last season's 'Accounting With The Stars'" (Vicki Penino)
3. "When some idiot asks me about a form 8038-G information return for tax-exempt governmental obligation, when they really mean a form 1038-R recovery of overpayment under arbitrage rebate provisions -- that s***'s hilarious!" (Andrew Ross)
2. "If I screw up something, you go to jail, not me!" (Sandra Busell)
1. "I get more tail than George Clooney" (Richard Cohen)

Daily Laugh

One day David went to an auction. While he was there, he bid for a parrot. David really wanted this bird, so he got caught up and thoroughly involved in the bidding. He kept on bidding, but kept getting outbid, so he bid higher and higher and higher.

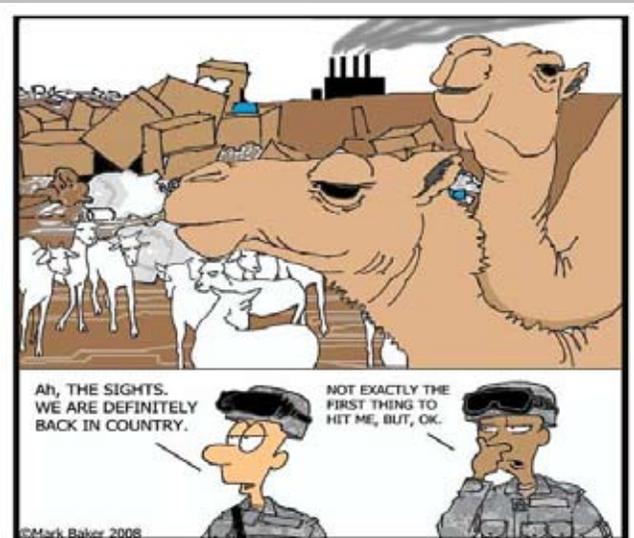
Finally, after he had bid much more than he had intended, David won the bid; the parrot was his at last.

As he was paying for the parrot, he said to the auctioneer, 'I hope this parrot can talk. I would hate to have paid this much for it, only to find out that he can't talk!'

'Don't worry.' said the auctioneer, 'He can talk. Who do you think kept bidding against you?'

Pvt. Murphy

by Mark Baker




Hometown Briefs

Stomping grounds of Gen. Palmer
The Gazette


Real estate broker Steve Kenney pounded bright yellow “For Sale” signs into the ground Tuesday in front of a newly excavated driveway leading to vacant land. Nothing unusual - except for the location, location, location.

The 37.2-acre parcel runs smack through a popular hiking, mountain biking and nature-gazing area above Helen Hunt Falls. Colorado Springs’ founder, Gen. William Jackson Palmer, originally owned the property, which contains the remnants of a cabin he built and used.

Because the property is flanked on three sides by city-owned North Cheyenne Cañon Park, and on the north side by Pike National Forest, the land appears to be public as well. No fences or signs have indicated the property is private - until the real estate signs began appearing.

The land had been willed as an inheritance for several generations, first to Palmer’s administrative assistant, then to her groundskeeper, then to his sons. Numerous attempts by the heirs to negotiate a deal with the city to buy the land and preserve it as open space failed, Kenney said.

In April 2005, three local couples bought the pristine site that boasts to-die-for views of the city, the foothills and the waterfalls. After sitting quietly on the investment for which they paid \$900,000, the owners put it on the market, with development in mind.

Students watch Obama take his oath
Killeen Daily Herald


Students at Eastern Hills Middle School watched President Barack Obama’s inauguration Tuesday as a means to help prepare them for the TAKS test, among several other projects.

Even though it was a school holiday Tuesday, about 70 students volunteered to come to Eastern Hills to learn, said Charles Guidry, Eastern Hills Middle School assistant principal.

The students spent the day going to various session learning about math, history, science and English to better prepare for the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills test, Guidry said.

“It is a more of a hands-on approach than what they normally get,” said Robert Burns, Eastern Hills Middle School curriculum specialist.

During the history session, the students watched Obama’s inauguration. At certain points during the televised ceremony such as Obama’s swearing-in, the students and the teachers clapped.

“It showed me all the different things that we were going over, and that they are still happening today, so that we know what to expect in the future,” said James Freeman, an eighth-grader.

Teachers can talk about history like the inauguration of a U.S. president and students can read about it, said David Lockett, U.S. history teacher. But once students see it, it becomes more concrete.

“Really stop and think about what happened here,” Guidry said to the students after the inauguration. “A complete transfer of power with not a shot fired or a drop of blood spilled, happened today.”

“It inspires me to do better in school and academics,” Cesar said.

Honolulu partiers savor historic event
The Honolulu Star Bulletin


Hundreds of Hawaii residents and visitors watched taped replays of the 44th president’s inaugural speech on large video screens at parties in Honolulu last night.



Nearly 200 people gathered at the NAACP’s party at Dole Cannery for the nation’s first black president and first president born in Hawaii. “I feel blessed that I was able to see this happen,” said John H. Boyd, 75, a retired military and federal employee who is black. “When I grew up in Georgia, discrimination ran rampant in America. I’m accustomed to riding in the back of the bus and stepping off the sidewalk when a white lady walked by.”

He recalls riding at the front of the bus for the first time in 1952 as a Soldier heading off to the Korean war, but when he returned from the war, he had to take a rear seat.

“President Obama will make it better for all of us,” Boyd said.

Pilar Mudd, 41, of Salt Lake, said, “I did shed some tears this morning.”

She said she will explain to her children what Obama’s election means, “not just as African-Americans, but as a people. Even his speech encompasses everybody.” Alphonso Braggs, president of the NAACP’s Honolulu chapter, said, “This is one of our proudest moments. The things that we have struggled for 100 years are realized today.

“It is the fact that while he was in Hawaii, he took away the best that Hawaii has to offer,” including “awareness of diversity and respect for all people.” “I thought, ‘Wow, this is the real people’s party because we’re representing the first black president, the first Hawaii-born president,’” said Jo Ann Gaines.

Drivers slip, slide in sloppy conditions
The Fayetteville Observer


A relieved motorist waved at the tow truck he had summoned after his Toyota Sequoia slid halfway into a ravine from a snowy, one-lane dirt road.

The wrecker’s driver, John Paine, stepped out and surveyed the situation. His shoes slogged in the mud. Snow draped the thick woods around him like a Norman Rockwell painting.

After maneuvering the winch and cable attached to the back of the wrecker, Paine had the SUV back on the road in about five minutes Tuesday afternoon.

“How’s that for slick?” Paine asked jokingly.

The slick roads kept wrecker services busy all day, especially in the morning as intrepid drivers ventured out before crews could scrape snow or spread salt and sand. Some ended up in ditches or in collisions.

Mike Magyar, the dispatcher for Phillip’s Towing Service in Fayetteville, said he had seven drivers working Tuesday.

By lunchtime, they had helped three stranded motorists and responded to three accidents, including an overturned tractor-trailer on Interstate 95 in Cumberland County. Mark Norton, owner of Norton’s Wrecker Service, had logged four accidents and two stranded motorists by mid-day. He was surprised that he wasn’t busier.

“It seems so far that people are staying in,” he said.

Between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m., state troopers reported 454 accidents in the 11-county region.


Hometown Briefs

Stained-glass window dedicated at library
The Capital Journal


The last of six stained-glass windows that once illuminated the Topeka Public Library on the Kansas Statehouse grounds now casts a glow in the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library.

The window, which completes a Francis Bacon quotation — “Reading maketh a full man, conference a ready man, and writing an exact man” — was dedicated Wednesday morning in a ceremony honoring the late Connie Menninger.

Menninger spearheaded the effort to reunite the windows, which were part of the old library which opened in 1883 on the Capitol grounds. That building was demolished in 1961 after a new library was built at its current location at 1515 S.W. 10th.

The windows were sold as surplus at an auction, going to different buyers.

When Menninger, who oversaw the archives of the Menninger Foundation, learned it owned one of the windows, she made it a mission to reunite the windows and incorporate them in the library which underwent a major expansion and remodeling project completed in 2002.

Three windows, which decorated a conference room in the cafeteria of The Topeka Capital-Journal, were donated by Morris Communications Inc., and another was acquired from Frank and Jane McGrew.

Gabriel hails new global energy agency
The Local


Germany said on Wednesday it expected more than 100 countries to attend a major conference in Bonn next Monday to establish a new international agency promoting renewable energy.

Around half the countries represented are expected to sign a founding treaty for the agency, which aims to boost the use of renewable sources of energy around the globe. German Environment Minister Sigmar Gabriel said the creation of the IRENA agency was “a huge step forward” for the renewable energy sector, which has “enormous potential” not only for climate protection but also for economic development.

“The potential for solar, wind, hydro and biomass energy is so big that we could supply energy to more than nine billion people on Earth,” Gabriel said.

The founding members of IRENA will decide in June 2009 where the agency will be located. Germany is pushing for it to be based in Bonn — also the home of the secretariat of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the body tasked with crafting a new global climate deal in Copenhagen in December.

Representatives from the United States, China and Japan would attend the conference, but are not expected to sign the founding document immediately, Gabriel told reporters.

But he said Germany is looking to a breakthrough on climate protection after US President Barack Obama’s pledge to “roll back the spectre of a warming planet” during his inauguration speech on Tuesday.

“The United States appears to have awoken from its Sleeping Beauty slumber when it comes to climate change with the new direction indicated yesterday by the White House,” Gabriel said.

Businesses allowed to appeal fee
The Montgomery Advertiser


Montgomery business owners who feel their annual license fee unfairly increased will have an additional 30 days to file an appeal.

The decision to offer an appeals process was made during Tuesday night’s Montgomery City Council meeting after several officials reported receiving multiple complaints from business owners. One individual in the building materials category reported an increase from \$300 to \$16,000.

Interim Mayor Charles Jinright said he has received “a good many calls” about the business license fees since he took office two weeks ago. The City Council passed the revised fee structure in November.

Jinright proposed that he and Finance Director Lloyd Faulkner deal with each appeal individually and make an adjustment when appropriate.

In some of the cases that have already been reviewed, the licensee merely misunderstood what “gross revenues” meant. But other cases are more complicated and may require an amendment to the city ordinance.

In the case of the latter, the finance department will come back to the City Council in March to suggest changes.

But Jinright stressed after the Tuesday meeting that he wants the business community to know that the city’s intention is to provide the fairest possible business license fee structure.

If something isn’t fair, the city will change it, Jinright said. “We’re not going to abuse the business community,” Jinright said.

Testimony on teaching of evolution
The Dallas Morning News


State Board of Education members heard hours of testimony today on evolution in science classes, as dozens of teachers, parents and others tried to sway the board before it votes

Thursday on the issue.

The focus of the debate is whether to require that “weaknesses” as well as strengths in the theory of evolution be taught in high school biology classes under new state curriculum standards for science.

Evolution critics — backed by several board members — want the strengths and weaknesses requirement included, arguing there are many flaws in Charles Darwin’s theory of how humans and other life forms evolved. Evolution supporters, on the other hand, said there is no controversy over the theory and contended that critics are really trying to “open a back door” into schools to foster teaching of creationism in science classes.

A preliminary board vote is scheduled Thursday.

A bloc of social conservatives on the board wants the strengths and weaknesses language kept in the curriculum standards as it has been for several years.

During the public hearing, they made it clear they consider the requirement the most important part of the lengthy document laying out the curriculum for all science classes in the public schools. The curriculum standards will spell out what is taught in science classes in all elementary and secondary schools as well as providing the material for state tests and textbooks.

Sports

Leinart can only watch and stay ready as backup

Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. – Matt Leinart is accustomed to attention, with a Heisman Trophy and two national championships at USC.

He is still, the Arizona Cardinals insist, the team's quarterback of the future.

No one knows when that future might be. For now, he's just a backup, preparing to watch the Super Bowl and be ready should anything happen to Kurt Warner, the old guy who beat him out for the starting job and has guided the team to unbelievable heights.

"I know my time is coming," Leinart said this week. "This year is not what I expected at the beginning, but it's been great. I mean, we're on a Super Bowl run, which is unbelievable. It's a learning experience, that's all it is, and it will make me better."

Leinart has not made any waves about his situation, even in the immediate aftermath of coach Ken Whisenhunt's decision just before the season to make Warner the starter.

Warner went on to a performance rivaling his big years with the St. Louis Rams, cementing Leinart's spot on the bench. The

more Leinart sits, the more the perception grows that in his third season he is an NFL bust.

"I've heard everything," he said. "A lot of people doubt me. A lot of people don't think I can play. It doesn't really bother me, truthfully, because if I let it bother me, I will be out of this game quickly. If anything, it just motivates me. It makes me work harder and kind of have a chip on my shoulder."

Leinart was 37-2 as a starter at USC, winning the Heisman Trophy and leading the Trojans to the national championship in 2004. Although he might have been the No. 1 pick in the draft that year, he chose to return to school for his senior season. USC advanced to the national title game, but lost to Texas.

The Cardinals were surprised when Leinart was still available when their pick, the 10th overall, came around in the 2006 draft. They grabbed him and considered him their franchise quarterback.

Coach Dennis Green made the left-handed rookie the starter five games into the 2006 season. In 12 games, 11 as a

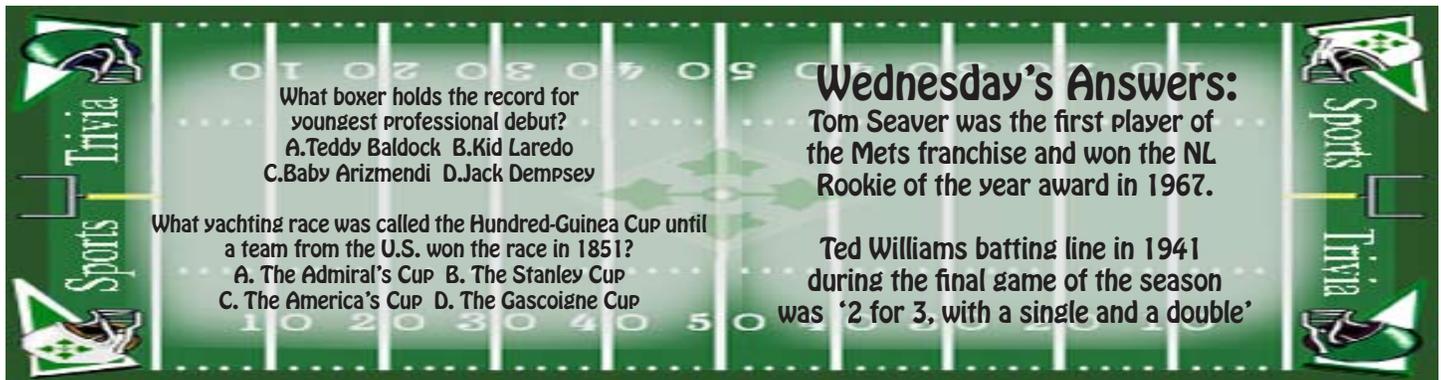
starter, Leinart completed 58 percent of his passes for 2,547 yards and 11 touchdowns, but was intercepted 12 times.

New coach Ken Whisenhunt picked Leinart over Warner as the starter in 2007, but quickly gave the veteran playing time in an efficient no-huddle offense. Then five games into the season, Leinart got a vicious hit from St. Louis Rams linebacker Will Witherspoon and was sidelined for the season with a broken collarbone.

Warner went on to have a strong year, guiding the team to an 8-8 record, but when the season was over, Whisenhunt said Leinart still was No. 1. But the coach assured Warner he would have the opportunity to win the job, and that's what happened.

Leinart's fate may have been sealed in an awful preseason start at Oakland, where he completed 4 of 12 passes for 24 yards with three interceptions. Two weeks later, Whisenhunt announced his decision.

"It was kind of frustrating in the beginning," Leinart said, "but I've learned a lot, I've become a better player, a better person."



What boxer holds the record for youngest professional debut?
A. Teddy Baldock B. Kid Laredo
C. Baby Arizmendi D. Jack Dempsey

What yachting race was called the Hundred-Guinea Cup until a team from the U.S. won the race in 1851?
A. The Admiral's Cup B. The Stanley Cup
C. The America's Cup D. The Gascoigne Cup

Wednesday's Answers:
Tom Seaver was the first player of the Mets franchise and won the NL Rookie of the year award in 1967.

Ted Williams batting line in 1941 during the final game of the season was '2 for 3, with a single and a double'



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