

4AD0102A0920 Montgomery Advertiser

CMYK

# Montgomery Advertiser

montgomeryadvertiser.com

THURSDAY Sept. 20, 2007 *Montgomery Edition* 50 cents

SINCE 1829

## Prattville prepares for LPGA event



Photos by Karen S. Doerr Advertiser

A maintenance worker mows Wednesday at the Senator course at Capitol Hill in Prattville, where the Navistar LPGA Classic begins next week. To see more photos, go to [montgomeryadvertiser.com](http://montgomeryadvertiser.com).

## Tournament organizer expects 50,000 to attend

By Marty Roney  
mroney@gannett.com

PRATTVILLE — Next week at this time, Sam Walker and 49,999 others will be craning their necks to see the world's best female golfers play in the inaugural Navistar LPGA Classic.

That's right, 50,000. Tournament director Jonathan Romeo bases his estimate of the gallery on advance ticket sales for the event, which kicks off Wednesday with a pro-am round and continues through Sunday. Prattville has a lock on the tournament for three years.

"We are expecting big galleries," Romeo said. "The field in this event is very strong. If we have good weather next week, you can

see very good gallery numbers."

Walker, of Prattville, wouldn't dream of missing his chance to see the LPGA's top-25 money winners play the Senator at Capitol Hill, a Robert Trent Jones course. A field of 144 players will vie for a \$1.3 million purse.

"That's too much talent to come to town and not take advantage of it," he said. "I may have to use a sick day or two, I know I'll be there Saturday and Sunday."

The Senator is a links-style, Scottish course with 150 pothole bunkers, which rise 20 to 40 feet. There are few trees on the course.

"The Senator course is a great place to watch a tournament," Walker said. "You can walk with the golfers or watch from one of the hills."



Eric Archibald works to install a leader board at the 18th hole.



Former Auburn University golfer Celeste Troche plays a practice round Wednesday in preparation for next week's tournament.

## Inside today

SEPTEMBER 20, 2007  
-SEPT. 26, 2007

**go!** YOUR WEEKLY ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

**Who can it be now?** *Colin Hanks*

Former Men at Work front man to perform at Davis Theatre tonight

JANVA MACHERS PLAYS AT THE KEYS

MORE FEATURES  
DINING REVIEW BYPASS BANDANAS

"GOOD LUCK CHARMS: WILL ALBA AND COOK CHARM MOVIEGOERS?"

Montgomery Advertiser

## AG retorts

King remains critical of Shelby Co. DA **1B**

## Village Coffee

Expansion brewing for Alabama business **6A**

## Hyundai supplier plans to expand

When expansion is complete, Opelika plant will employ 500 people

By Cosby Woodruff  
cwoodruff@gannett.com

A South Korea-based company that supplies brake and steering components to Montgomery's Hyundai automotive plant is investing \$21 million in its Opelika operation that eventually will result in 77 additional jobs.

Mando America Corp. based its decision to expand on increased customer demand and not the construction of an automotive manufacturing plant under way in west Georgia by Hyundai subsidiary Kia Motors, said Al Cook, Opelika's director of economic development.

"This is about business they have over and above Kia," Cook said. "We think the Kia thing is coming later."

Mando opened its 325,000-square-foot plant three years ago in the Northeast Opelika Industrial Park with the sole purpose of supplying Hyundai Motor Manufacturing Alabama. It now also sells its products to other automotive companies, including General Motors.

Once Mando began providing parts to other automakers, the company relocated its U.S. headquarters from Detroit to Opelika in 2005.

When completed in 2010, the plant will employ 500 people and represent a total investment of \$86 million.

Cook said Mando will not expand its building but is bringing in more equipment to turn warehouse space into production space.

Cook said the company will phase in the additional jobs over the next three years.

"They have about leased up all of the warehouse space," Cook said of Mando, which is moving its warehousing operations to rented buildings.

Tae Kwak, president of Mando America, said in a news release that increased sales led to the expansion.

"We have a great operation here in Opelika and feel that this addition will help us continue to grow our

Supplier Page 3A

## Homeowner assists authorities in arrests of two

By Marty Roney  
mroney@gannett.com

DEATSVILLE — The homeowner normally wouldn't have been home in the middle of the day. He should have been at work. But he came home at 1 p.m. Tuesday to check on a cable repair job.

Lucky for him he did. When the Deatsville man pulled into his driveway in the Dusty Trail neighborhood, he saw a strange car and noticed the front door was standing open. He suspected something

was wrong. And he was right.

Inside, two would-be burglars were ransacking the house.

"He went inside and confronted them," said Capt. Joe Sedinger of the Autauga County Sheriff's Department. "They told him they were looking for somebody who owed them money. He didn't buy it. They ran out, he met them around front and shot the tire out."

The victim, whom Sedinger would not identify, used a 20-gauge shotgun to blast the rear tire of a Kia coupe as the suspects attempted to speed away.

His aim was true, and it helped deputies make an arrest.

Sgt. Casey Ott found the suspects a short time later along a secluded dirt road, attempting to change the flat tire.

"One of them looked like he was going to run," Ott said. "I drew down on them and got them on the ground. I called for backup, and help came pretty quick."

Arrested on burglary charges were Gary Arnold Alvies, 22, of 409 Mockingbird St., Prattville, and Aaron Michael Pace, 22, of 208 Deer Trace,

Prattville.

They are being held in the Autauga County Metro Jail under no bonds pending a parole revocation hearing, courthouse records show. Both are on parole for theft-related charges, the records showed.

Sheriff Herbie Johnson applauded the quick action of the homeowner.

"A man has the right to protect himself, his family and his property," said Johnson. "I'm so proud of him. I'm thinking about buying him a box of shells so he can keep that shotgun loaded."

A Gannett Newspaper  
28 pages

Volume 180, Number 263  
© 2007 The Advertiser Co.

For home delivery  
877-424-0007  
Toll free



50¢

INDEX	
ABCs to ACTs	2D
Alabama	1B
Annie's Mailbox	4D
Bridge	7C
Business	6A
Classified	6C
Comics	3D
Crossword	8C
Cryptquote	8C
Editorial	2B
Horoscope	7C
Jumble	8C
Metro	2A
My Life	1D
Movies	4D
Nation/World	4B
Obituaries	7A
Sports	1C
Sudoku	4D
TV listings	4D
Weather	10A

## WEATHER

**86°** Partly sunny

**73°** Patchy clouds

For more weather updates go online at [montgomeryadvertiser.com](http://montgomeryadvertiser.com)

## CHECK IT OUT ONLINE

@ [www.montgomeryadvertiser.com](http://www.montgomeryadvertiser.com)

Go online to cast your ballot in the oh baby! photo contest and the 2007 high school cheerleading competition

**ON PREMISES! PROFESSIONAL JEWELRY REPAIR**

Same Day Service When Possible Wednesday-Saturday

**Marqurette's** EXQUISITE JEWELRY

Watch Battery Replacement \$4.00  
Limit 10 per customer with this ad. Expires 09/30/07

7818 Vaughn Rd. at Taylor Rd. in Cornerstone near Stein Mart • (334) 270-0074 • SORRY, NO PHONE QUOTES. No silver or costume jewelry.