

## Residents undecided on suit over complex

**ABOUT 60 PEOPLE** who live near the site of a proposed apartment complex near Interstate 81's Exit 7 met Tuesday and heard from an attorney

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**BRISTOL, Va.** – A group of city residents who oppose a controversial apartment complex said Tuesday they plan to incorporate, but haven't decided if they will sue the city.  
 About 60 people who live near the proposed apartments at the intersection of Suncrest and Heritage drives in the Exit 7 area, met at the Bristol Public Li-

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 brary. Attorney David Hut-ton of Abingdon, who was retained by one landowner, advised the group about the value of incorporating before proceeding and the potential costs of litigation. Acting as a group rather than individually would give residents a better standing if they go to court,

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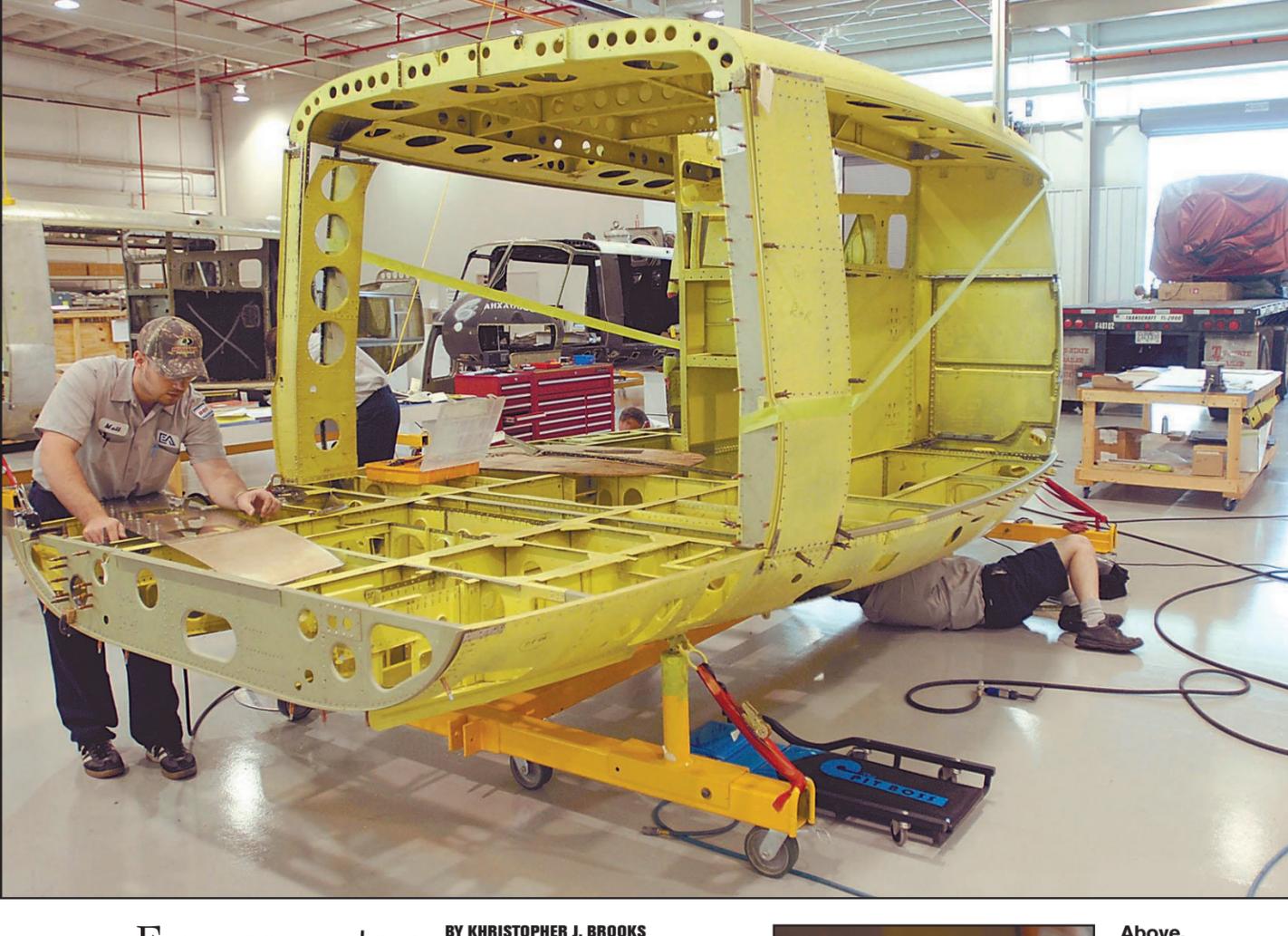
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The audience listens Tuesday at a meeting for residents of an area near Exit 7 where a controversial apartment complex is planned.

## Manufacturing makeovers



Shawn Miller of Networking & Computing works on a customer's computer in the company's Bristol shop.



## TENNESSEE NATIONAL GUARD Bredesen 'concerned' over Guard equipment

**TENNESSEE'S GOVERNOR** said the loss of equipment left in Iraq could hinder response to natural disasters

**THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**  
**CHATTAHOOGA** – The Tennessee National Guard left equipment valued at \$250 million in Iraq, Gov. Phil Bredesen said, so much that he is "very concerned" the Guard might not be adequately equipped for an emergency or natural disaster.

"It's trucks and Humvees and bulldozers, all this stuff you need to keep an army going. It's all in Iraq right now," Bredesen told the *Chattanooga Times Free Press*.  
 Bredesen predicted it will take 10 years to replace the equipment, valued by state military officials at \$250 million.

More than two-thirds of Tennessee National Guard soldiers have been deployed to Afghanistan or Iraq since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, and nearly 600 patrolled the Arizona-Mexico border this summer as part of Operation Jump Start.  
 Bredesen said equipment shortages are a problem for Guard units nationwide but are worse in Tennessee because the state has numerous engineering units with equipment needed in Iraq.

The governor said he is worried about a shortage of equipment, not manpower, if the state has to deploy the Guard during a natural disaster, such as an earthquake along the New Madrid fault line in West Tennessee.

"If that happened, that's exactly the kind of equipment you want to have," he said.

Tennessee National Guard officials said the state needs about 30 pallet load system trucks, which are similar to 18-wheelers and are used to move cargo like containers and other vehicles; about 650 regular Humvees; and about 200 uparmored Humvees.

The shortage of Humvees, which are used for training and moving soldiers, is critical, Guard Sgt.

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## From computers to 'copters, Tri-Cities companies part of trend toward remanufacturing

**BY KRISTOPHER J. BROOKS**  
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 Talk with some war veterans about helicopters, and they would likely say the Bell Model 205 was a crucial weapon for the U.S. in the Vietnam War. The aircraft was used in a number of ways – search and rescue, transporting cargo, medical airlift and, of course, moving the troops.

Today, many of these once-prized helicopters lie rusting in fields or warehouses.  
 A handful of 205s, however, are being stripped, cleaned and rebuilt for civilian use. The work is taking place at Aeronautical Accessories.

The Piney Flats-based aeronautics company started a helicopter remanufacturing operation in February 2004. The first rebuilt helicopter



Above, technicians at Aeronautical Accessories, Inc., work on a Bell 205 helicopter airframe Tuesday morning in the company's new Piney Flats facility. The 205s are upgraded into Model 210s at the plant.

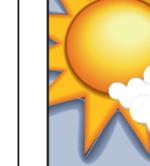
At left is one of many engineering workbooks for the Model 210 program at Aeronautical Accessories.

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Repaired towers waiting for customer pickup are seen in the foreground as Shawn Miller works on a customer's computer.



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**Warm**  
 Partly cloudy with highs in the lower 80s. A 20 percent chance of rain tonight with lows in the lower 50s.  
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 Farmers' "forgotten pastime" of hunting – and eating – crows is being resurrected in New Hampshire.  
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**Casserole time:** What dish can help busy cooks please the whole family? The casserole. Today's **Flavor** section offers a dish of recipes.  
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