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### BRIEFS

#### Alabama Guard misses recruitment goal for fiscal 2005

**MONTGOMERY** — The Alabama National Guard missed its recruitment goal for fiscal year 2005, following a national trend of slight recruitment declines.

The Alabama National Guard recruited 1,681 of its target 2,257 soldiers, reducing its troop strength to 11,204 of its target 12,575.

The Alabama National Guard also fell short of its goal, recruiting 186 of its 200 target for the Air Guard has filled 2,301 of its 2,459 authorized positions.

Despite heading up enrollment drives, tuition assistance and recruiting staff, the Guard is having trouble persuading more to join its ranks. Lt. Col. Glenn Carter, head of state recruiting and retention, said Tuesday.

Preliminary figures show the U.S. Army finished the 12-month recruiting period with about 71,000 recruits, missing a 77,000 target. Enlistees from its goal of 80,000. The number would be the largest — in its history — since 1978.

#### Huntsville woman dies in house fire as oxygen machine explodes

**HUNTSVILLE** — A Huntsville woman died after an oxygen short in a hearing aid could spark a fire that caused her oxygen machine to explode, authorities said.

Huntsville Fire & Rescue investigators said Dorothy "Dor" Stauffer, 71, died in the explosion about 6 p.m. Monday.

Department spokesman Ray Gates said the hearing aid left the bedroom when its damaged and the rest of the house received smoke and fire damage. He said investigators determined that the hearing aid could have ignited and caused a short that sparked the fire.

A neighbor said Stauffer's son was outside with a friend working on a car when he heard what sounded like an explosion inside the house.

#### Daughter of ABI agent found with her boyfriend after Amber Alert issued

**RAYMONTE** — Less than a day after issuing an Amber Alert for the 14-year-old daughter of an Alabama Bureau of Investigation agent, authorities discovered the girl left home with her boyfriend and was safe in Georgia.

Cpl. Stan Saylor with the ABI said Carlin E. Fagan of Bay Minors was found at 12:30 a.m. Monday in a hotel room in Glen Cove, Ga., more than 80 miles from her home.

State police issued an Amber Alert on Sunday for Fagan, saying she last was seen at 12:30 a.m. Sunday in Bay Minors. They initially believed the girl was in danger because the screen on her hotel room window was cut and some of her medications were left behind, Saylor told the Mobile Register.

He said no charges will be filed because the girl left under her own power with her boyfriend, the year-old Chad Ryan Smith.

The Amber Alert is a statewide notification system used to warn the public when a youngster may have been kidnapped and is in danger.

#### Gender cause of death is unknown in body found in box near Florida border

**MOBILE** — Authorities were trying to determine the cause of death and gender of a human body that was found stuffed inside a box near the Alabama-Florida border Monday morning.

State Highway Department workers installing signs along U.S. 90 just west of the Spivey River in Seminole County reported the "foot locker-style" container in a wooded area around 11 a.m. according to Baldwin County Sheriff's Office spokesman Lt. John Murphy.

The workers thought the box might have been stolen property and found the decomposed body when they opened the box, Murphy said. "Due to the condition of the corpse, it is believed that the body had been in the scene for an extended period of time," he said.

Baldwin County Deputy Coroner Stan Vinton said authorities were conducting a homicide investigation, but Murphy would not confirm whether that was true.

As of late Monday, investigators had not determined whether the body was that of a man or a woman or how the death occurred, Murphy said.

— From wire reports

## Suspect says vision from God led to attack on church in Decatur

Associated Press

**DECATUR** — A suspect accused with two others of murdering the altar at a Roman Catholic church during Sunday worship acted on a vision from God and the belief the news paper is the antichrist, according to interviews published Tuesday in The Decatur Daily.

In a jailhouse interview with the paper, Adam Joseph Targion, 27, also admitted his actions at the Annunciation of the Lord Catholic Church were in poor judgment.

Decatur police charged Targion, his common-law wife, Lisa Marie Wagner, 26, and three roommates, Vol "Bopper" Loughman, 26, and Loughman's wife, Emily Beth Loughman, 21, with felony criminal mischief, following the church's 11 a.m. service.

"I had a vision. I saw me and were tearing a church apart," Targion said in the jailhouse interview. "That's not what I did. I just tore up a table that people saw an altar kneeling behind it and blowing below an altar."

Targion said his group went inside the church, looted its property and watched parishioners take communion before the outbreak.

"It was an occasion," Targion said. "There was no passion, fire, reverence."

Wagner said the protest was not meant to anger Catholics but all forms of "man-made" religion.

"We are not doing anything like this," Wagner said. "This is Antichristian. We're all very peaceful people."

## 'Rammer Jammer' cheer debate returns to University of Alabama

Associated Press

**TUSCALOOSA** — Winning football is back at the University of Alabama, and so the fans over one of its fans' favorite cheers.

With a campus debate over the "Rammer Jammer" cheer resumed in the campus newspaper, the Student Government Association has passed a resolution in support of the cheer and left open the possibility of a student referendum later this month.

Checking out coordinator Debbie Green said she didn't have anything to do with the cheer — as has been done to say in the past — but she admitted that not everyone has been convinced with the yell, including the late Mary Harmon Bryant, the wife of legendary coach Paul "Bear" Bryant.

"Everybody has their own beef with it," Bryant said. "I like it," said Green, a former cheerleader. "But there are those who think the cheer is in good spirit."

Created by combining an established cheer with a University of Mississippi chant, "Rammer Jammer" first appeared in 1980.

The cheer came to the minds of "Rock 'n' Roll" Paul by Gary Carter. After a victory, the late coach said, "I was proud of them. I was proud of you, Rammer Jammer Yellow Hammer, yell 'Hallelujah!'"

The cheer was first performed at the stadium. An incident about Alabama football in a book published last year about Crimson Tide fans was titled "Rammer Jammer Yellow Hammer."

But the cheer long has been criticized as being unprofessional and crude. Former athletics director Steve Shan banned it in the late 1990s, and successor Hootie Ingram banned it again before the 1994 football season.

In 1996, then athletics director Herb Beckwith let the cheer return. Finally in 2001, athletics department asked the marching band to replace the cheer after a vote.

The student newspaper, The Crimson White, brought up the issue in a Sept. 2004 article. It asked the four-person editorial board to decide whether the cheer should be played after Alabama's game against the University of Southern Mississippi, which was hit by Hurricane Katrina.

"The cheer is made, crude, as vulgar and crude," the editorial read. "It's probably not the best thing to be saying to people who have just lost their homes and loved ones."

Alabama went on to win the game, the band and cheerleaders didn't play. "Rammer Jammer,"

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Alabama's cheer is in good spirit. "It's a decision we made long before the game," Green said. "Not making it at the Southern Miss game had nothing to do with the cheer, but had something to do with the cheer."

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