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Vehicles park in front of the McChesney house on Tuesday.

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The parking lot was filled with cars, and some were parked near the building that housed the church's radio station before it was moved to another location. As a few cars left, others arrived. One police car was still on the scene and another arrived. It wasn't clear who had been brought to the ER. Among those arriving at the hospital in the next hour and a half were Jerry Lane from the State Attorney's Office, County Commissioner Jeremy Branch, former county commissioner Sidney Shivers, other personnel from the sheriff's office, and family members. Jackson Hospital administrator Don Hamble was called to the scene from his home after arriving about 8:30 p.m. The gathering was a memorial event to take place in light of the fact that the sheriff and his wife were well known and loved. "Johnny Mac" as the sheriff is known, has held the office since 1980, the same year his father was murdered in a head-on at a Jackson County service station. Residents began to hear the news late afternoon from those who tune in to police scanners. Arrived 6 p.m. at Jackson

Decatur church vandal suspect pleads guilty

DECATUR — A Hartselle woman, accused with three others of vandalizing the altar at a Roman Catholic church during a Sunday worship service in 2006, has pleaded guilty to a felony charge stemming from the attack. Emily Beth Loughman, 22, pleaded guilty to first-degree criminal mischief in Morgan County Circuit Court last week. An official said Loughman entered the plea agreement with the district attorney's office, which recommended a punishment of two years in prison. Loughman is applying for probation, and Circuit Judge Sherris Puler set sentencing for May 17. Puler granted Loughman's husband, 56-year-old Loughman, youthful offender status in March, and his case is sealed. He was 20 at the time of the crime. Adam Joseph Turpin, 27, said Lisa Marie Wagner, 26, both of Hartselle, are scheduled for trial this week for first-degree criminal mischief and third-degree burglary. Puler said four people went to Annunciation of The Lord Catholic Church on Oct. 2, 2006, disrupting Mass and destroying a confessional altar before communion. Witnesses said two of the suspects jumped from their seats, went near the Rev. Joe Galizia and screamed that Catholics worship idols. One of the men

Shelter continued from 1A

The animal shelter was among projects in the commission's plan to spend revenues from a new permit sales tax. That plan included \$400,000 for the shelter over the next three years, and Dothan City Manager Mike West has said the full amount is still committed. The city has also approved two annual care positions for the shelter and contracted with Wiregrass Rehabilitation Services to provide kennel workers.

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The Dothan operation would then effectively split from Pemco government contract operation. Pemco Atlanta Group is listed on the NASDAQ exchange under the ticker symbol PEM. When asked what this

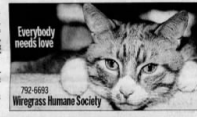
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Vaughn said the project is ahead of schedule, thanks to a \$2.4 million earmark, of which \$800,000 has already been received, and construction may begin near the end of next year. "We're doing whatever we can with our state money and our federal money," Vaughn said. But competing road projects statewide, make the project of a four-lane state Highway 167 from Troy to the Florida line seem a lifetime away. "See, eventually, 167 needs to be four-laned, but all of it is not in our program at this time," Vaughn said. "If we start on everything at one time, we have a little bit of work going on everywhere and don't get anything done." State Sen. Jimmy Hollis, D-Elba, said the project

Still, relations between the city and Steve-A-Pet began deteriorating, especially amid rumors of animals being put to sleep on mass. Police Chief John Powell, whose department oversees the shelter, said he's been at the shelter for seven days. The district judge withdrew despite the assurance that animals would be evaluated at the end of seven days but may not be actually put to sleep for several weeks. On Tuesday, the animal shelter euthanized 20 dogs. Powell said the dogs were a mix of animals that had been

On Tuesday, the animal shelter euthanized 20 dogs in 2006, the animal shelter euthanized 3,225 animals with monthly totals ranging from a low of 51 in February 2006 to a high of 551 animals in August. "Crash mode" where the animal shelter is concerned, then the city can determine the next steps. James of Steve-A-Pet said the animals deserve a good quality of life, and Steve-A-Pet wants to become more involved in community education efforts on spaying and neutering cats and dogs. "That's going to make a bigger difference," James said. "We don't need larger shelters across the country; we need fewer animals in them."

DAQ exchange during the past year. It listed at \$2 per share on Jan. 18, 2006, and closed Tuesday at just under \$8 per share. However, officials of the economic outlook of the company is improving, Birmingham Business Journal reported. Pemco Atlanta Group sales totaled \$123.8 million over the first nine months of 2006 compared with \$99.6 million during the same period in 2005. The outlook could be even better if more workers were available. Pemco is aggressively pursuing workers, offering apprenticeships and other training-to-work programs. The company's Web site advertises immediate openings for sheet metal workers and others at the Dothan location. "We could certainly use more workers," Armitz said.



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