

The show must go on without band's founder

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Huntsville High prepares for first trip since 1981. Sports, D1

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Cold air from Canada may give Huntsville patches of frost this week. **B1**

District Judge Ruth Ann Hall asks Madison County for money for a juvenile program. **B1**

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Retired Fire Chief Emern "Junior" Holmes of Eva is remembered as one who "always saw the best in other people." **B1**

Randy Amos is appointed to the Albertville Council after an earlier eligibility problem. **B2**

### Nation

Gulf War illness is a real medical condition that has affected at least 175,000 combat veterans, a panel finds. **A3**

President Obama and John McCain pledge to work together to tackle Washington's "bad habits." **A9**

### World

Somali pirates hijack a supertanker hundreds of miles off the Horn of Africa, seizing the Saudi-owned ship loaded with crude. **A7**

The U.S.-Iraqi security pact now before parliament calls for U.S. forces to leave Iraq's cities by June 30. **A7**

### Business

**Dow** -223.73 **Nasdaq** -34.80 **S&P 500** -22.54

More bad economic news, including a huge round of layoffs in the financial sector, causes a stock slide. **B6**

The president of Raytheon's Missile Systems division in Tucson, Ariz., watches a test-firing of a Javelin anti-armor missile. **B6**

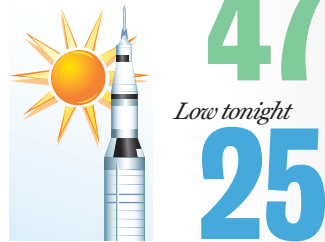
### Sports

A broken leg ends the season for one of Alabama A&M's more versatile players. **D1**

"There's no better place to coach than Alabama," says coach Nick Saban. **D1**

### Full weather, C8

Forecast: High today 47 Low tonight 25



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## Sparkman grad's convoy attacked

Smith's injuries not serious; may be home for Thanksgiving

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Pfc. Tyler Smith didn't expect to

wake up in a Black Hawk helicopter on Friday, but he did, and he was alive.

During the weekend, the convoy he was traveling with in Iraq crossed an improvised explosive device planted in the road.

According to Smith's friends and family, his vehicle was leading the convoy, being the first to run over the IED,

causing the front end to explode and flipping the entire vehicle over while enduring enemy fire at the same time.

Smith, 20, is a 2007 Sparkman graduate and a volunteer firefighter with the Monrovia Fire Department. He doesn't remember anything

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Pfc. Tyler Smith was injured in a bomb blast on a road in Iraq.

# WALKING WITH A PURPOSE



Former Army Ranger Rory Fanning is walking across the nation to raise awareness for Pat Tillman's sacrifice.

Man raising cash to help foundation named for soldier

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HAMPTON COVE - He started walking across America because the country needs more people like his friend Pat Tillman, but he's finding out people are better than he thought.

"Every person I meet says 'be careful, there are a lot of crazy people out there,'" Rory Fanning said Monday afternoon. "But you know, 100 percent of the people I've met are good."

That's not what Fanning thought when he set out from Virginia Beach two months ago to raise money for the Pat Tillman Foundation. Tillman is the NFL player who walked away from a \$3.6 million contract to join the Army after 9/11. Fanning, 31, and Tillman were U.S. Rangers together before Tillman was killed in Afghanistan in 2004.

"I'm trying to bring awareness to Pat's amazing sacrifice," Fanning said in an interview at an Arby's on U.S. 431.

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### ONLINE EXTRA

To read more about Fanning's walk, go to [www.walkforpat.org](http://www.walkforpat.org). To read more about Pat Tillman, go to [www.pat-tillmanfoundation.org](http://www.pat-tillmanfoundation.org)



Rory Fanning walks toward Huntsville on U.S. 431 near Hampton Cove just past the Cecil Ashburn Drive intersection.

## 'Warriors' program big help to wounded

Redstone facility one of new care centers for soldiers

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The commanding officer of the hospital at Redstone Arsenal said Monday that for the

longest time, the military didn't properly tend to its wounded warriors.

But after the scandal at Walter Reed Hospital last year spotlighted the need to upgrade care for soldiers injured in Iraq and Afghanistan, the military started doing things as it should,

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Col. Mark Smith, Fox Army Health Center commander, talks with wounded warriors Monday in a town hall-style meeting.

## \$25B aid for auto industry stalled

White House, Democrats don't agree on means

By JULIE HIRSCHFELD DAVIS  
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WASHINGTON - Prospects dimmed on Monday for the \$25 billion bailout that U.S. automakers say they desperately need to get through a bleak and dangerous December.

Though all sides agree that Detroit's Big Three carmakers are in peril, battered by the economic meltdown that has choked their sales and frozen loans, the White House and congressional Democrats are headed for stalemate over how much government money should go toward helping them.

Behind the logjam is a troubling reality for the car companies: Bailout fatigue has set in at the White House and on Capitol Hill, where many in both parties have spent the past few weeks being berated by constituents for agreeing to the \$700 billion Wall Street rescue.

The new debate comes as the financial situation for General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler LLC grows more precarious. GM has said it could run out of cash by year's end without government aid.

A Senate auto bailout bill unveiled Monday noted that 355,000 U.S. workers are directly employed by the auto

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## Rate of hunger in children rises in '07

Over 36.2 million struggled to get food during year

By MICHAEL J. SNIFFEN  
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WASHINGTON - Some 691,000 children went hungry in America sometime in 2007, while close to one in eight Americans struggled to feed themselves adequately even before this year's sharp economic downturn, the Agriculture Department reported Monday.

The department's annual report on food security showed that during 2007 the number of children who suffered a substantial disruption in the amount of food they typically eat was more than 50 percent above the 430,000 in 2006 and the largest figure since 716,000 in 1998.

Overall, the 36.2 million adults and children who struggled with hunger during the year was up slightly from 35.5 million in 2006. That was 12.2 percent of Americans who didn't have the money or assistance to get enough food to maintain active, healthy lives.

Almost a third of those, 11.9 million adults and children,

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