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**October 24, 2003**

**KIDS GETTING DUMBER**

**2005 EDUCATION BUDGET**

**State board recommends layoffs, cuts**

Well, that will go well with the voters. The schools will have more textbook money next year, which is something. But as many as 3,400 teachers statewide would lose their jobs, and class sizes would go up by one and a half children per. 126 librarians will also be cut, because one librarian can easily cover two schools, right?

Posted by Mac Thomason at **04:06 PM** | [Comments \(0\)](#)

**October 23, 2003**

**UNFORTUNATELY, IT WASN'T RUPERT MURDOCH**

**Media Executive Arrested in Selma**

It was the chairman and CEO of the Outdoor Channel, arrested in the hideous backwater town that gave birth to Richard Scrushy. Perry Massie was arrested alongside a dive shop owner, Steve Phillips, for illegally taking a Civil War relic from the Alabama River. Alabama has a new law against such things; you can only dig with a permit, and anything you find is property of the state.

I have mixed feelings about this kind of law. I understand the desire to preserve your heritage, even if it's scummy heritage like Alabama seceding from the Union to preserve chattel slavery. But the effect is to keep people from trying to preserve that heritage. These guys found a Civil War era gun in a river. How long do you think it would have lasted down there?

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**BUT IT'S ALL WORTH IT TO KEEP INTERNATIONAL PAPER'S TAXES LOW!**

**Do-it-all bailiffs find jobs at risk**

What do court bailiffs do in Alabama courtrooms? Two were featured in this story. In an ordinary day, one had retrieved a jury list, composed a seating chart for a jury in another trial, transferred four inmates from jail to court and back, called an attorney