

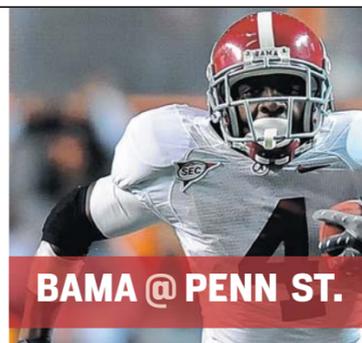
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JEFFERSON COUNTY

Vote on Petelos still on agenda

2 commissioners say they want more time

By Barnett Wright

Jefferson County Commission President David Carrington said Friday he will go forward with a resolution next week to approve the appointment of Hoover Mayor Tony Petelos as the county's first professional manager, despite two commissioners saying they won't be ready to vote on Tuesday. "Nobody has asked me to remove it" from the meeting's agenda, Carrington said.

Commissioners Sandra Little Brown and George Bowman reiterated in interviews Friday that they are not prepared to vote on the Petelos nomination.

Petelos needs a supermajority of votes — four of the five commissioners — to become county manager. If he does not get the votes, the nomination dies but

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BIRMINGHAM SCHOOLS

School funds in job plan

Obama proposal worth \$35M to city

By Mary Orndorff
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WASHINGTON — Birmingham city schools would get about \$35 million to modernize and renovate its public school buildings under President Barack Obama's

job creation plan announced Thursday night.

Nationally, Obama is asking Congress to pump \$25 billion into upgrading public school facilities with everything from emergency repairs to energy efficiency improvements to new science or

computer labs.

"How can we expect our kids to do their best in places that are literally falling apart?" Obama said in his address to Congress. "This is America. Every child deserves a great school — and we can give it to them, if we act now."

Birmingham would get the \$35 million, if Congress were to agree to the spending, because it ranks

as one of the 100 largest school districts in the country and is eligible for Title I federal funding for disadvantaged students. Also on the list is Mobile County, at \$53.5 million.

White House advisers said Friday in interviews that 40 percent

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ALABAMA TORNADOES

Misfortune strikes again



The Birmingham News/Tamika Moore

Chad Henson and his family lost their home in an April 27 tornado and later moved into a FEMA trailer that burned recently. Here he surveys the damage.

Tornado survivors lose home again as trailer burns down

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SHOAL CREEK VALLEY — The tornado ripped off the roof and pushed down walls, and Chad Henson felt himself being sucked up into the air. His wife, Teresa, hung on to him until it passed.

Shaken, they climbed out from under tree limbs,

pieces of concrete block and insulation, looked at the devastation all around the valley on this day, April 27, and considered themselves lucky.

But that feeling of fortune took a hit last week. Their new, temporary home — a Federal Emergency Management Agency trailer — burned down.

It happened Sept. 2 next to the spot where their house used to be.

"I'm not sure at this point what we are going to do," said Chad Henson, 40, a former state trooper and military veteran now on disability. "I'm just at a loss, so

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SEPTEMBER 11 | TEN YEARS LATER

Birmingham architect honors 9/11 victims in New Jersey memorial

By Alec Harvey
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Like many Americans on Sept. 11, 2001, Alex Krumdieck was glued to his television.

The Birmingham architect watched from his office as one plane, then another, slammed into the towers at the World Trade Center.

Krumdieck's brother-in-law, William Fallon, was a general manager for the New York Port Authority, working in the second tower that collapsed.

"My wife was in contact with her sister, who was also

talking to him at the time, while he was in the trade building," Krumdieck recalls. "He was helping to get people out of the building. When the first building collapsed, he began to evacuate from the other building, and that was the last communication we heard."

Fallon was one of the nearly 3,000 people who died as a result of the terrorist attacks that day, and Sunday, on the 10th anniversary, he and others will be remembered with a stone-and-steel monument

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Brenda Fallon

Brenda Fallon said she didn't know what kind of piece of the World Trade Center they'd receive for the memorial when they requested it. What they were given was a 7-foot steel beam that was part of one of the towers.

COMING SUNDAY

September 11, 2001: A nation and a community changed

Cities on alert after terror threat

People moved among police armed with assault rifles and waited at security checkpoints in New York and Washington on Friday while intelligence officials scrambled to validate information on a possible strike by al-Qaida aimed to mark the 10th anniversary of 9/11. **Page 3A**

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