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ALABAMA LEGISLATURE

## Bentley: We need a lottery

Governor calls session as Medicaid shortfall looms

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Gov. Robert Bentley has called a special session to consider a proposal for a lottery to fund state services.

Bentley said the state can't afford to pay for basic services and has borrowed money and used one-time money for decades to fill the gaps. The governor said a lottery would raise about \$225 million a year, and he proposes applying the revenue to services for children, the mentally ill, law enforcement and "those in the most need."

"The time has come for us to find a permanent solution," Bentley said. "This solution will provide funding that we can count on for year after year without ever having to raise your taxes or put one more band-aid on our state's money problems."

Bentley didn't give a date for the session.

Some state lawmakers have said the best time to call a special session on a lottery would be in August.

"I think there's a strong chance that we can get a piece of lottery legislation out of the Legislature, if the special takes place in August," Senate President Pro Tem Del Marsh, R-Anniston, said.

For a lottery proposal to be on the ballot in the Nov. 8 general election, the **SEE BENTLEY, A9**



Gov. Robert Bentley has proposed a state lottery and a commission to oversee it. He estimates it would raise about \$225 million a year for state services.

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## An alarming trend

Another local mother leaves child locked in a car. **A4**

## One last curtain call

A stalwart of the local theater scene bidding farewell Saturday. **A2**

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

# 'A MOMENT OF RECKONING'

Clinton rebukes Trump's 'midnight in America'



Hillary Clinton on Thursday said she accepts the Democratic presidential nomination with "humility, determination and boundless confidence in America's promise." *Olivier Douliery / Abaca Press / TNS*

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**H**illary Clinton took the stage Thursday night for the final and most anticipated act of the Democratic National Convention, building on a week of potent testimonials from the party's biggest stars to reintroduce herself to voters as the first female presidential nominee from a major party and crystallize her vision for the nation.

Clinton's speech bookended a week that started off rocky for the party, as resister delegates supporting Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders booed on the convention floor and embarrassing email disclosures forced the

resignation of the party chair. But Democrats recovered and looked to finish strong after leaders of varying factions delivered pitch-perfect appeals for unity.

"America is once again at a moment of reckoning," Clinton said. "Powerful forces are threatening to pull us apart. Bonds of trust and respect are fraying. And just as with our founders there are no guarantees. We have to decide whether we're going to work together so we can all rise together."

Clinton offered contrasts in tone, outlook and level of detail compared with vague promises made last week by GOP nominee Donald Trump. **SEE DNC, A10**

BIRMINGHAM

# Mayor to press Obama on Civil Rights National Historical Park

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Birmingham Mayor William Bell plans to ask President Barack Obama to issue an executive order designating the AG Gaston Freedom Center and the Civil Rights District as a national historic park.

Bell plans to make the request next week, the mayor's office announced Wednesday.

U.S. Rep. Terri Sewell introduced legislation earlier this year to create the Birmingham Civil Rights National Historical Park, but there's not enough voting days left in the

legislative term to get the bill passed.

Bell will request the use of presidential executive order via the use of the antiquities act.

"This project will be transformative for the Civil Rights District and beyond," Bell said. "Not only will the history be preserved, but the economic impact has the potential to really transform the surrounding neighborhoods as well."

"We are working with the Department of Interior, National Park Service, the Council **SEE PARK, A9**



This is a conceptual rendering of the redeveloped A.G. Gaston Motel, which would be transformed into a history center and academic public policy institute. The facility would incorporate the existing hotel. *File*

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