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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

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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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'A MOMENT OF RECKONING'

Clinton accepts nomination with an eye on future



"We are clear-eyed about what our country is up against," Hillary Clinton told the Democratic National Convention on Thursday night. "But we are not afraid. We will rise to the challenge, just as we always have." *The Washington Post*

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Hillary Clinton on Thursday formally accepted the Democratic Party's nomination for president, saying the nation is in a "moment of reckoning."

Clinton said that her "primary mission" will be "to create more opportunity and more good jobs with rising wages right here in the United States."

She also addressed security threats to the nation and recent terrorist attacks.

"The choice we face is just as stark when it comes to our national security," she said. "Anyone reading the

news can see the threats and turbulence we face. From Baghdad and Kabul, to Nice and Paris and Brussels, to San Bernardino and Orlando, we're dealing with determined enemies that must be defeated. No wonder people are anxious and looking for reassurance — looking for steady leadership."

In the country's "moment of reckoning," she said, there are "powerful forces" that "are threatening to pull us apart. Bonds of trust and respect are fraying. And just as with our founders there are no guarantees. It's truly is up to us. We have to decide whether we're going to work together so we can all rise together."

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NASA

Deep space radiation linked to deaths of Apollo astronauts

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Apollo astronauts have higher rates of fatal cardiovascular problems because of exposure to deep space radiation, new research suggests.

The 24 men who traveled into deep space on missions to the moon were exposed to more galactic cosmic radiation than any other astronauts or cosmonauts. Nearly

half of those who have died since did so because of a cardiovascular problem, researchers said today.

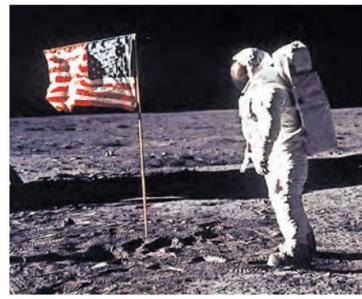
Professor Michael Delp, dean of Florida State University's College of Human Sciences, said in a paper published Thursday in the journal *Scientific Reports* the radiation exposure is now showing up as cardiovascular problems.

"We know very little about the effects of deep space radiation on human health, particularly on the cardiovascular system," Delp said. "This gives us the first glimpse into its adverse effects on humans."

The study by Delp and his colleagues looked at mortality in Apollo astronauts. The Apollo program ran from 1961 to 1972 with 11 manned

flights into space, nine of them into deep space.

Astronauts are highly educated and can get the best medical care, Delp said, which means their health is generally better than the general population. But 43 percent of deceased Apollo astronauts died from a cardiovascular problem. That is four to five times higher than



The 24 men who have traveled into deep space on missions to the moon were exposed to more galactic cosmic radiation than any other astronauts or cosmonauts, according to new research. *File / NASA*

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