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SPECIAL VISITORS: A group attending a National Alliance of Preservation Commissions conference in Mobile visited Selma on Thursday. One of their stops was the Selma Interpretive Center.

Preservation commissions visit Selma

By Emily Enfinger
The Selma Times-Journal

At 7 a.m. sharp Thursday morning, a group of about 35 boarded a bus to visit Selma for the first time.

"When we came across the bridge and they saw Selma, I think they were surprised how large it was," said Mary Mason Shell, Alabama State Historic Preservation Office's preservation planner. "Google Earth is great, but when you're physically in the environment, you can understand the stories and what happened a lot better."

The group was a combination of individuals serving preservation commissions across the country or

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Murder suspect in court for arraignment

By Emily Enfinger
The Selma Times-Journal

Suspects in connection to the murder of a 19-year-old Tyler man appeared in court for arraignment Thursday.

Murder suspect Joe Jackson remains at the Dallas County Jail, while his alleged getaway driver, Jasper Cole, was given a \$200,000 bond, according to District Attorney Michael Jackson.

Vaughn Russell is representing Joe Jackson, while Garrison Thompson was appointed to represent Cole.

The two suspects turned themselves in at the Selma Police Department on Wednesday afternoon, according to the district attorney's office.

Joe Jackson is facing one count of capital murder, a Class A felony, and two counts of shooting into a vehicle. He was originally charged with attempted



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DEBATE TIME

Mayor candidates to discuss issues in forum Sunday

By Justin Averette
The Selma Times-Journal

The five candidates for mayor of Selma will discuss issues facing the city during an election forum Sunday afternoon.

The event is being hosted by One

Selma and will begin at 3 p.m. at Selma High School's auditorium.

The debate will be moderated by Darryl Hood, an anchor for WAKA News.

"This is for Selma ... Who do you chose," said the Rev. Jerry Light, who is helping organize the forum with Juanda

Maxwell and others.

Auburn University's Bridgett A. King, an assistant professor in the department of political science, is compiling questions for the debate. Members of the public

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SIGN OF APPRECIATION: Deputy Mike Meyer, of the Dallas County Sheriff's Office, grabs a cookie at the Holiday Inn Express on Wednesday. The hotel offered coffee, doughnuts and cookies to all law enforcement officers to show its appreciation for law enforcement officers' work.



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FIELD TRIP: All About Our Kids day care visited The Selma Times-Journal last week for a tour of the newsroom and pressroom and to learn about how the newspaper is produced every day.

Selma, Orrville part of tax holiday

By Samantha Bolden
The Selma Times-Journal

The annual back to school sales tax holiday will give shoppers the opportunity to purchase school supplies, computers and clothing free of state and local sales tax.

The 11th Alabama Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday will begin Friday, Aug. 7 at 12:01 a.m. and last until midnight on Sunday, Aug. 9.

"You don't have to be a student or even an Alabama resident to save money the weekend of Aug. 5-7 because of the annual Back-to-School Sales Tax holiday," said State Revenue Commissioner Julie Magee in an official press release. "Products include items such as clothing, sports equipment, computers, and of course school supplies."

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Bentley: Lottery best option for revenue

By Kim Chandler
The Associated Press

MONTGOMERY (AP) — Alabama Gov. Robert Bentley once said state lotteries were as outdated as leisure suits, but in throwing his support to a state lottery this week he said it was the only revenue option left in the closet.

The governor, in an opinion piece submitted Wednesday to news outlets, said lawmakers have rejected the idea of tax increases while the state faces a continued revenue crisis. The governor did not name the state's Medicaid program in the piece, but said the state's revenue troubles could force cuts "gut-wrenching" decisions to cut programs for children, the disabled and the elderly.

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TODAY'S WEATHER ARTIST

Today's weather picture is by **Jakiyah Young**, a student at Edgewood Elementary School.

WEATHER: Check out a full weather report inside on page 3A of today's edition.

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GOOD MORNING TO ...

Good morning to **Harvey King**. Harvey attended Old Cahawba Archaeological Park's archaeology days last week.