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TOPICS

**PRESIDENTIAL POLITICS IN ALABAMA
UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA SPORTS
ALABAMA HEALTH
MOBILE MARDI GRAS
HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

Jan 17—“Forget Auburn, Texas, or Oklahoma. The biggest challenge for the Crimson Tide’s new coach may be UA students.” A new chapter has begun for fans of college football at the University of Alabama. Coach Kalen DeBoer is taking over for Nick Saban, who’s retiring after seventeen seasons in Tuscaloosa. The Crimson Tide’s new coach is already hiring personnel after his first public appearance over the weekend. Here’s more on the expectations Coach DeBoer is facing after just a few days on the job. (6:22) 7:51 am 4:51 pm

January 25- “Tracking supply and demand in human trafficking: the STANND initiative part 1” Supply and demand are often connected to concepts of a purely material nature. The theories they inspire are usually related to increasing profits or understanding the financial needs of a community. However, researchers at the University of Alabama are applying these concepts to the disruption of illegal supply chains- namely human sex trafficking. (7:03) 7:51 am 4:51 pm

January 26- “Tracking supply and demand in human trafficking: the STANND initiative part 2” In part one of this series, we discussed the STANDD initiative and what they do. In this episode, we discuss human sex trafficking, the problem itself. (7:19) 7:51 am 4:51 pm

Feb 7— “A Gulf coast Mardi Gras tradition you can sink your teeth into.” Mardi Gras is in full swing along the Gulf coast. One favorite carnival tradition is called a King Cake. It’s a large pastry shaped like a crown with cinnamon, chocolate, or cream cheese filling inside. It’s usually covered in gold, green, and purple sprinkles. There’s also a Fat Tuesday tradition that whoever finds the small, plastic baby hidden in a slice of king cake is granted good luck. They also have to bring a King Cake to the next gathering. Here’s the story of one Dauphin Island baker and how her Mardi Gras cakes are a family tradition... (5:38) 7:51 am, 4:51 pm.

Feb—29-- How “embryos are children” ruling has politicians choosing their words carefully.” The Alabama Republican party is still doing damage control following a controversial ruling by the State’s Supreme Court. The justices declared that fertilized embryos are children. That generated a media frenzy that left GOP lawmakers struggling with what to say next. The Republicans are already dealing with the fallout from the end of the Roe Versus Wade decision that legalized abortion. The ruling has politicians picking their words carefully. APR’s Pat Duggins reports. (6:00) 7:51 am 4:51 pm

Mar 7—"Syphilis cases up sharply in Alabama." The number of people with sexually transmitted diseases is on the rise in the U.S. Alabama ranks sixth in the nation. The biggest increase is syphilis. That's a disease the medical community thought was almost eliminated twenty years ago. New data from Alabama Public Health shows the syphilis rates have more than doubled across the state since 2020. Here's more on the trend and what residents can do about it. And a note to our readers, this story contains content of an adult nature. This feature was made possible by a grant from the "Caring Foundation." (7:26) 7:51 am 4:51 pm.