

Alabama Public Radio Newsroom

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TOPICS COVERED

Human Trafficking

Alabama State Documents Exhibit

Apollo 11 50th anniversary

Alabama history

Alabama politics

Alabama ecology

07/05-“We the People: Alabama’s Defining Documents”

It was two hundred years ago today when delegates from across the Alabama territory made their way to Huntsville. They were gathering for a constitutional convention to draft a document that would make Alabama a U.S. state. The document they came up with, along with the five constitutions that followed it are back in Huntsville where it all began. A-P-R’s Stan Ingold has more... (07:44)(04:44) (Runs 06:13)

7/12 “Meet the Moms”

The dust is settling on an annual event in Mobile. Every year, 50 of the nation’s best and brightest young women flock to Alabama’s port city to compete in the Distinguished Young Women competition. This year’s winner received a \$32,000 college scholarship. But, it’s not the contestants that APR Gulf Coast reporter Mike Dumas is focusing on. His report is on the women who make the event happen. (5:00) 7:44 am, 4:44 pm.

7/17 “How Alabama gave Apollo 11 its ‘ticket to ride.’

The fiftieth anniversary of the Apollo 11 manned moon landing is set for this Saturday. Baby boomers may remember where they were and what they were doing when astronaut Neil Armstrong set foot on the lunar surface. The APR news team will be spending the month looking at stories surrounding the historic moon landing—but, not just on Armstrong’s “one small step.” Today, APR’s Pat Duggins reports on how they astronauts got to the moon and Alabama’s role in that monumental task. 7:00 (7:45 am, 4:44 pm)

7/18 Apollo 11: One family’s sacrifice for that “one small step”

This Saturday marks fifty years since the first manned moon landing during the NASA mission called Apollo 11. All month long, the APR news team has been looking at stories related to Astronaut Neil Armstrong’s “one small step.” APR news director Pat Duggins spent fourteen years covering the U.S. space program on NPR. During that time, Pat met people who endured sacrifices during the effort to put a man on the moon. Here’s just one of those stories...(6:00) 7:49 am, 4:49 pm.

7/19 “1 Moon, 50 years, and 5,000 rockets”

Saturday is the 50th anniversary of the first manned lunar landing. The city of Huntsville spent the week remembering the Apollo 11 mission with a slew of events celebrating scientific discovery, the Apollo era of space exploration, and the capacity for such things to inspire a nation. On Tuesday NASA used a lot of little rockets were used to remember the launch of one big one. (6:19) 7:49 am, 4:49 pm.

8/8 “Selling Kids: Human Trafficking in Alabama”

For the last thirteen months, the Alabama Public Radio news team has been investigating human trafficking in our state. Selling people for sex or underpaid labor is considered a one hundred and fifty billion dollar business worldwide. Researchers who study trafficking in Alabama say our state is a microcosm of what’s going on in the U.S. In other words, problems in Alabama are likely occurring everywhere. APR’s Pat Duggins brings us this overview of our human trafficking series. And a note to our listeners, this story contains content of an adult nature. Parents may want to consider whether it’s appropriate for all ages. (6:00) 7:45 am, 4:44 pm

8/14—Protecting Alabama’s littlest “beachgoers”

The clean-up is still underway along the Alabama Gulf coast following Hurricane Barry. Last month’s storm did damage including piles of sand which left main roads and side streets impassable on Dauphin Island. Barry also dealt a blow by destroying or damaging ninety percent of the sea turtle nests along the state’s beaches. APR Gulf coast reporter Guy Busby has more on what hundreds of dedicated volunteers are doing to protect these endangered species...(6:00) 7:49 am, 4:49 pm.

8/15— Selling Kids: Alabama, trafficking, and the web

All year long, the Alabama Public Radio news team has been investigating human trafficking in our state. Researchers who study trafficking consider Alabama to be a microcosm of what’s going on in the U.S. In other words, the problem is here and issues in Alabama are likely occurring everywhere. APR’s Pat Duggins reports one way to put trafficking into focus in Alabama is by looking at the numbers. And, that means taking a deep dive into the internet. A note to our listeners, this story contains content of an adult nature that might not be suitable for all ages. (8:00) 7:49 am, 4:49 pm.

8/22 Selling Kids: When your trafficker is “family.”

All year long, the Alabama Public Radio news team has been investigating human trafficking in our state. A study from the University of Alabama’s College of Social Work shows close to twelve hundred people were rescued from human trafficking in Alabama in 2017. The concern is the actual total could be ten times higher. For many victims, the trafficker comes in from outside the family. APR’s Pat Duggins reports on another form of trafficking in Alabama—one that occurs “all in the family.” And a note to our listeners, this story contains content of an adult nature. Parents may want to consider whether it’s suitable for all ages. (7:00) 7:49 am, 4:49 pm.

8/27 – “Vote in Baldwin County could kill I-10 bridge project”

A proposed new Interstate Ten Bridge across Mobile Bay is on hold and matters may get worse tomorrow. The Mobile Planning Organization decided to not vote on whether to include the bridge on its list of projects. That inclusion is needed if the project is going to get federal funding. Tolls on the new bridge and where the overflow traffic may go are just some of the issues that has local motorists buzzing. APR Gulf Coast

reporter Guy Busby has more on what may be an even more critical vote on the project in Baldwin County tomorrow...(6:00) 7:49 AM, 4:40 PM.

8/29 Selling kids: How it happened to me.

For the past thirteen months, the APR news team has been investigating human trafficking in Alabama. Support groups for trafficking survivors say one thing they deal with are misconceptions. For example, they cite the belief that most sex trafficking victims are foreign nationals. A study by the U.S. Department of Justice says over eighty percent of sex trafficking victims in the United States are U.S. citizens. In part four of our ongoing series, APR's Pat Duggins spoke with women who represent two generations of trafficking survivors on how it happened to them. And, a note to our listeners—this report contains adult content and may not be appropriate for all ages. (8:00) 7:49 am, 4:49 pm.

9/5-- Selling Kids: Changing Mindsets

For the past fourteen months, the Alabama Public Radio news team has been investigating human trafficking in our state. So far, we've heard from cybercrime analysts who count up sex trafficking ads in Alabama, and how adults who traffic younger family members are a key concern in the state. Today, APR's Pat Duggins reports on one effort to do something about it. It's a project that uses the internet to coordinate efforts to help survivors, and perhaps more importantly--to change mindsets among people who work with trafficking victims. (8:00) 7:49 am, 4:49 pm.

9/12—Selling Kids: Growing up LGBTQ in the Bible Belt

For the past fourteen months, the Alabama Public Radio news team has been investigating human trafficking in our state. So far, we've reported on how much trafficking goes on in Alabama and how traffickers lure both male and female victims into sex trafficking. APR listeners also heard how familial trafficking is a big concern in the state. That's when adult family members are the traffickers and their younger children are the victims. APR student reporter Tina Turner reports on another side of trafficking in Alabama that appears to be getting less attention. (6:30) 7:49 am. 4:49 p.m.

9/14 "Kicking the one use plastic habit in Mobile"

Plastic waste is a growing problem worldwide. The non-profit group Ocean Conservancy says eight million metric tons of used plastic is dumped into the ocean

every year. That's on top of the one hundred and fifty million metric tons currently floating in the sea. Two Mobile restaurateurs are credited with leading the way to try to help with the situation. APR's Gulf coast reporter Mike Dumas** says it's happening one sip and one takeout order at a time... (5:00) 7:45 am, 4:44 pm. , 4:44 pm.

9/19—Selling Kids: Facing your trafficker in court.

For the past fourteen months, the Alabama Public Radio news team has been investigating human trafficking in the state. Bringing traffickers to justice can mean getting evidence from their victims. Depending on which study you look at, interviewers and prosecutors could be dealing with witnesses as young as eleven to fifteen years old. A center in Huntsville has led the way internationally in teaching prosecutors and interviewers how to work with these young victims of trafficking. APR's Pat Duggins has more. (7:00) 7:49 am, 4:49 pm.

09/26 "Selling Kids: Labor Trafficking"

For the past 14 months, the Alabama Public Radio news team has been investigating human trafficking throughout the state. So far most of the focus has been on sex trafficking. Another major part of human trafficking is labor. A-P-R's Stan Ingold has more...(07:44)(04:44) (Runs 08:29)

