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April 1st through June 28th, 2019

TOPICS COVERED

Civil Rights

State Politics

Abortion Rights

Alabama Festivals

April 17-- Multiple festivals are taking place across the state as Alabama celebrates its bicentennial. But there is an event that takes place every year in Opp, Alabama that has some people's skin crawling. Eastern diamondback rattlesnakes, or *Crotalus adamanteus*, were the slithering stars of the 59th annual Rattlesnake Rodeo about 85 miles south of Montgomery. APR's Stan Ingold Reports. 7:45, 4:44 (7:27)

June 28—APR's Alex AuBuchon worked with UA's Center for Public Television to produce this sound portrait of Luke Brimhall, who makes his living selling Pork Rinds from a truck. 7:45, 4:44 (3:25)

June 19-- The city of Tuscaloosa is making an effort to have its experiences in the Civil Rights struggle share the limelight usually placed on Birmingham and Selma. Now visitors can see the places where these events happened on Tuscaloosa's Civil Rights History Trail. APR's Stan Ingold reports. 7:45, 4:44 (5:27)

June 4-- The latest fallout related to Alabama's new abortion law could occur this week in Tuscaloosa. The University of Alabama's board of trustees will consider whether to return a record \$21.5M gift. The donor encouraged students to boycott the university following passage of Alabama's controversial abortion law that makes performing an abortion a felony in virtually all cases. The legal battle over the Alabama's abortion ban officially got underway last week. Both the American Civil Liberties Union of Alabama and Planned Parenthood Southeast filed suit on behalf of the state's three abortion clinics. They say the new law is blatantly unconstitutional. But lawmakers say that was the plan all along. APR's Alex AuBuchon has more on what's next for Alabama's controversial abortion ban. 7:45, 4:44 (5:55)