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CURRENT EVENTS

January 7—The Alabama/Notre Dame football rivalry (but, not today) There was plenty of crimson, white, blue, and gold throughout Miami during the weekend before the BCS College Football Championship game. That includes the inner city neighborhood of Overtown, where botanical flowers in the team colors of Alabama and Notre Dame were planted in an urban garden built by fans of both schools. “I think someone at Alabama ‘Googled’ black Miami, and I’ve written

about black Miami, ” said Dr. Marvin Dunn, head of Roots in The City, which helped coordinate the volunteer community service effort. Pat Duggins reports. 5:00. Aired 7:33 and 4:44

January 8—Alabama Wins back to back BCS Championships. “Obviously, we wish the night could have ended in a different way” said Notre Dame star player Manti Te'o. “But, the season, the year, my career here, I’m been truly blessed by being at Notre Dame” “What the players accomplished, what the coaches accomplished, I think it’s really special,” said Alabama Coach Nick Saban. “I think when I’m sitting on the side of the hill watching the stream go by, I might even figure it out even more.” These are two very different perspectives of the same game in Miami. The Alabama Crimson Tide defeated the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame by a score of forty two to fourteen. It was the first back-to-back college football championships since Nebraska did it in the mid 1990’s. Alabama Public Radio’s Pat Duggins was at the BCS College Football Championship in Miami and reports on the game and the stories history of both teams. 5:00. Airs 6:33, 8:33, 4:44.

January 17-The University of Alabama at Birmingham collected several interviews with African-Americans in the area and is sharing ten of them tonight. The project is a collaboration between UAB students and the Storycorps Griot Initiative. “Griot” is a West-African word meaning “storytellers.” Featured interviews include those who were involved in the civil rights movement and Birmingham Mayor William Bell. APR’s Maggie Martin spoke with Rosie O’beirne*, director of digital media and learning at UAB. She says the process began two years ago. (4:53, aired 7:33)

January 22 - Mass shootings seem to be on the rise lately. In light of the incident at Sandy Hook Elementary last month, everyone from the president on down to local school systems have been trying to find ways to curb gun violence and prevent such an incident from happening again. APR’s Ryan Vasquez spoke with Adam Lankford, an assistant professor of criminal justice at the University of Alabama. He also is the author of The Myth of Martyrdom which explores what really drives suicidal killers. I had a chance to talk with him about his research and the motivations of suicidal killers. (4:30, aired 4:44)

February 1-The American Heart Association of Birmingham is officially launching its Red Couch Campaign today. It encourages survivors and those impacted by heart disease to sit on a red couch and share their stories. Officials say the disease is the number one killer of women and kills about one woman every minute in America. APR’s Maggie Martin spoke with Matt Hooper, with the

American Heart Association in Birmingham. He says some participants have a hard time sharing their stories.(3:40, aired 7:33)

February 8-- APR began collaborating with television producers at CPT & R on a new program to air on WVUA-TV called "Alabama, Inc." APR's Pat Duggins previewed his entrepreneur profile of Jeffrey Bayer, developer of the high-end fashion mall "The Summit" near Birmingham. 4:00. Aired at 7:33 and 4:44.

February 18-The quality of health care for female veterans will be the highlight at a town hall meeting in Tuscaloosa tonight. The American Legion is hosting the event. It's the country's largest organization of war-time veterans. Officials say women now make up about 15 percent of the country's service members. About three-hundred and forty-thousand women veterans are currently enrolled in the VA health-care system, and officials say they expect that number to keep growing. APR's Maggie Martin spoke with Roscoe Butler, a field representative with the American Legion. (3:00, aired 6:35 and 8:35)

February 20—Fashion Designer Amanda Perna. APR continued collaborating on a new television program to air on WVUA-TV called "Alabama, Inc." APR's Pat Duggins previewed his profile of U of A graduate Amanda Perna, who runs her own line of high-end fashions in New York City. 4:00. Aired at 7:33, 4:44

February 21- Alabama's Music Hall of Fame in North Alabama is facing an uncertain future. The tourist attraction has been closed for months, and it owes thousands of dollars to the state. Lawmakers in Montgomery cut the museum out of the budget completely, and Governor Robert Bentley appears unwilling to change that. Supporters are criticizing the timing of the governor's decision. That's because a documentary on the music history of Muscle Shoals is garnering international attention and awards. As Alabama Public Radio's Maggie Martin reports, museum supporters are hoping that success will renew hope for the hall of fame.

February 24 - Many Alabamians may be hard-pressed to name the place of the first public school in the state when asked. But for Mobile residents the answer is as simple as driving down Government Street. Barton Academy served as a school from the 1830s up until the 1960s when it became the school board's central office. Now it sits unoccupied and in dire need of restoration. Alabama Public Radio's Ryan Vasquez has more on the efforts to save historic Barton Academy.(4:43, Aired 7:33 and 4:44)

March 13 - An Alabama woman is in Washington, D.C. on a quest to help children with special needs. Drew Ann Long is the inventor of what's called Caroline's Cart. It's a grocery cart designed to allow people with disabilities be a part of the shopping experience. Long's advocacy for special needs individuals has taken her all the way from Alabama to Capitol Hill this week. APR's Ryan Vasquez recently spoke to her about what inspired her to develop Caroline's Cart and what she hopes to get out of her trip to Washington, D.C. this week. (3:43, Aired 4:44)

ARTS AND CULTURE

March 27th- There are many reason people visit Alabama, to see sporting events, the space connection in Huntsville or the beaches along the gulf coast. However, there is a form of tourism often overlooked by the masses. Alabama Public Radio's Stan Ingold takes a look at how a dark time in the state's history is now drawing tourists. (5:16, Aired 7:33 and 4:44)