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Alabama head coach Kalen DeBoer coaches the Crimson Tide Sept. 19 at Bryant-Denny Stadium in Tuscaloosa. Alabama defeated Florida State 50-36. GARY COSBY JR./TUSCALOOSA NEWS

President's visit may affect more than security

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President Donald Trump is coming to one of college football's biggest games Saturday, and his presence could change the experience for nearly 100,000 fans at Bryant-Denny Stadium.

Trump is expected to attend Alabama's game against Georgia in Tuscaloosa, bringing with him the security requirements of a sitting president to an event that already requires extensive planning for traffic, crowds and public safety.

Fans could encounter additional security mea-

sures, road restrictions and delays getting to the stadium. Alabama's football staff is also preparing for possible communication disruptions, an issue that has surfaced at other games Trump has attended.

It won't be the first time Alabama has dealt with the logistical challenges of hosting Trump. He attended the Alabama-Georgia game in Tuscaloosa in 2024 and the Alabama-LSU game in 2019.

Here's what fans should know about how Trump's visit could affect Saturday's game.

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Alabama to observe Columbus Day holiday

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For some people, Columbus Day means a day off. For others, it's a holiday whose name and meaning have changed over the years.

Columbus Day is still on the calendar. This year, it falls on Monday, Oct. 12.

What is Columbus Day, and does Alabama still recognize it as a holiday?

When is Columbus Day 2026?

Columbus Day 2026 falls on Monday, Oct. 12.

The federal holiday falls on the second Monday in October each year, so its date changes from year to year.

What is Columbus Day?

Columbus Day commemorates Christopher Columbus' 1492 voyage across the Atlantic and his arrival in the Americas.

For generations, the holiday was presented as a celebration of Columbus and his role in connecting Europe and the Americas. Over time, the holiday has become the subject of broader debate over colonization and the impact European arrival had on Indigenous peoples.

That is why the October holiday is observed under different names in different parts of the country.

Who was Christopher Columbus?

Christopher Columbus was an Italian-born explorer who sailed for Spain.

In 1492, he crossed the Atlantic with three ships while searching for a westward route to Asia. Instead, he reached the islands of the Caribbean, beginning a period of lasting contact between Europe and the Americas.

Columbus became a celebrated historical figure, but his legacy is also controversial.

European colonization brought violence, displacement and disease to Indigenous peoples, contributing to the debate over how Columbus and the October holiday should be remembered today.

Is Columbus Day a holiday in Alabama?

Yes, Alabama still recognizes Oct. 12 as an official state holiday.

The Alabama Administrative Code identifies the second Monday in

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U.S. President Donald Trump is shown on a video screen as he attends a college football game between Texas and Tennessee at Neyland Stadium in Knoxville, Tennessee, on Sept. 26. JONATHAN ERNST/REUTERS



Families of Oct. 7 victims join Israeli election

Maayan Lubell and Emily Rose
REUTERS

TEL AVIV – One was inspired by her son's last stand trying to fight off attackers rampaging through a kibbutz, an Israeli community. Another by her son's final words as militants tossed grenades into a bomb shelter packed with fleeing revelers from a music festival. A third by the brothers he campaigned to bring

home from captivity in the Gaza Strip.

Three years since Hamas' Oct. 7, 2023, attack, at least nine Israelis from families directly caught up in the deadliest day in the country's history are running for parliament in an election later in October. They represent parties running the gamut of political views, but all say they aim to heal Israel's wounds.

The militants who burst into southern Israel in 2023 killed 1,200 people

and took 251 hostages to the Gaza Strip.

Michal Hirsch Negri's son, Roei, died fighting Hamas attackers in Kibbutz Be'eri, where 1 in 10 residents were killed.

Soon after the surprise attack began, Roei, newly married and on a career path in high-tech, scrambled comrades in his reserve counterterrorism military

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Former Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett hugs Michal Hirsch Negri, the candidate choice for the Together party, led by Naftali. AMIR COHEN/REUTERS FILE

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