



Issues/Program Report 3rd Quarter 2017

October 1, 2017

Per the FCC, this is a list of the most frequently cited issues of concern to the people in the WBHM/WSGN listening area during the last quarter. The list details the most significant programs addressing these issues. All of these programs were published at WBHM.ORG and broadcast on WBHM 90.3 FM and WSGN 91.5 FM between July 1, 2017 and September 30, 2017. The list includes the following issues:

Government

Marchers Urge Birmingham to Become Sanctuary City (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/marchers-urge-birmingham-to-become-sanctuary-city/>)

2017-07-01 16:52:24

Immigrant advocates and residents marched in downtown Birmingham Saturday from Kelly Ingram Park to City Hall. They want Birmingham to become a "sanctuary city" – one that does not use city resources to carry out federal immigration enforcement.

Trump Administration Cuts Funding to Anti-White-Supremacy Group (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/trump-administration-cuts-funding-anti-white-supremacy-group/>)

2017-07-03 10:03:16

Birmingham Election Qualifying Ends This Week -- Who's In? (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/birmingham-election-qualifying-ends-week-whos/>)

2017-07-05 05:22:44

The list of candidates so far includes several incumbents and other familiar names. Qualifying ends at 5 p.m. on Friday, July 7.

Larry Contri, Former Interim School Superintendent, Vies for a Board Seat (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/larry-contri-former-interim-superintendent-enters-school-board-race/>)

2017-07-05 05:23:56

The veteran Birmingham educator, who was interim school superintendent but passed over for the permanent job, is running for a seat on the Birmingham Board of Education. Contri qualified Friday to run in District 3. Mary Drennen Boehm, the former executive director of A+ College Ready Alabama, has also qualified for that race.

Chris Woods Makes Second Run For Mayor of Birmingham (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/chris-woods-makes-second-run-mayor-birmingham/>)

2017-07-05 12:03:33

He is a child of the civil rights movement and came of age as his father and uncle battled racial injustice. But Woods, now running to unseat Birmingham Mayor William Bell, has had different struggles that have shaped his own vision for the city. Woods sat down with our Sherrel Wheeler Stewart.

Tuscaloosa Law Enforcement and University of Alabama Accused of Mishandling Alleged Rape (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/tuscaloosa-law-enforcement-and-university-of-alabama-accused-of-mishandling-rape-case/>)

2017-07-06 09:29:28

Alabama Media Group columnist John Archibald discusses the case of Megan Rondini. The former University of Alabama student was allegedly raped and later committed suicide after the family says the university and law enforcement botched her case.

Birmingham Races Draw Crowds; A Dozen Candidates in Mayor's Race (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/birmingham-races-draw-crowds-dozen-candidates-mayors-race/>)

2017-07-08 09:03:16

No one gets a free pass into office this year in Birmingham. The 19 races on the ballot for the upcoming City Elections are all contested. The largest number of candidates want the job as mayor.

Secretary of State Questions Election Commission Request for Voter Data (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/secretary-state-questions-election-commission-request-voter-data/>)

2017-07-10 07:22:04

Election Commission to States: Hold Voter Info Pending Legal Ruling (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/election-commission-to-states-hold-voter-data-pending-legal-ruling/>)

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Randall Woodfin Wants to Revitalize Birmingham Communities (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/randall-woodfin-wants-revitalize-birmingham-communities/>)

2017-07-13 06:01:36

Birmingham lawyer Randall Woodfin grew up in different parts of Birmingham. The 36-year-old is now running for mayor. He says he's connected to communities from North Birmingham to Southtown. And if elected, he says he would revitalize those neighborhoods outside of downtown.

Revisiting Birmingham's Bid to Host the Democratic National Convention (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/revisiting-birmingham-bid-to-host-the-democratic-national-convention/>)

2017-07-13 07:52:58

Alabama Media Group columnist John Archibald explains why he believes the City of Birmingham's bid to host the Democratic National Convention in 2016 wasn't really about landing the convention.

Corruption Probe Moves Beyond Indicted Former State Lawmaker (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/corruption-probe-moves-beyond-indicted-former-state-lawmaker/>)

2017-07-20 08:05:14

Alabama Media Group columnist John Archibald discusses what could be next now that indicted former state lawmaker Oliver Robinson is cooperating with prosecutors in a bribery scandal.

Crime, Education, Jobs Among Top Issues For Birmingham Voters (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/crime-education-jobs-among-top-issues-birmingham-voters/>)

2017-07-20 15:10:14

Many of those running for office in Birmingham, whether for mayor or city council or school board, have their own ideas on how to improve life in the city. But ask some of the city's 212,000 residents what keeps them up at night, and you'll hear the same concerns come up over and over again: jobs, education, and crime.

Crowded Field of Eight Battle For District 2 Council Seat (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/crowded-field-eight-battle-district-2-council-seat/>)

2017-07-24 16:59:04

There's only one seat for the Birmingham City Council in District 2, and eight people want it – including the incumbent. The district, which includes the east Birmingham communities of East Lake, Roebuck Springs, Liberty Highlands, Crestwood South, Huffman and several others, has attracted a combination of young professionals and community leaders.

Former Chief Justice Roy Moore Campaigns on Return to Morality (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/former-chief-justice-roy-moore-campaigns-on-return-to-morality/>)

2017-07-25 05:35:07

As former Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore campaigns for a U.S. Senate seat, he's not backing away from his opposition to same-sex marriage or his views on religion in government.

Fernandez Sims Says Birmingham Needs A Servant Leader (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/fernandez-sims-says-birmingham-needs-servant-leader/>)

2017-07-26 12:26:43

Brother Fernandez Sims is a Birmingham minister. From his time in the pulpit and counseling people in the community, he says he sees the needs of Birmingham residents. He says he wants to be mayor to address those some of those needs.

Trump's Attacks on Sessions Become Part of U.S. Senate Primary (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/trumpsessions-spat-becomes-part-of-u-s-senate-primary/>)

2017-07-27 09:02:22

Alabama Media Group columnist John Archibald discusses the Republican side of the special primary election for U.S. Senate.

The Risk Brooks Took: Choosing Sessions Over Trump (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/the-risk-brooks-took-choosing-sessions-over-trump/>)

2017-07-28 08:54:15

Congressman and Republican U.S. Senate candidate discusses his decision to criticize President Donald Trump over publicly berating Attorney General Jeff Session.

From Poverty to Potholes, Frank Matthews Wants to Fix the City (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/frank-matthews-profile/>)

2017-07-28 15:41:09

Frank Matthews has been a preacher, a media consultant and co-director of the Mayor's Office of Citizens' Assistance. Now, the he wants to become mayor of Birmingham .

Bell, Woods, and Woodfin Top Poll and Fundraising in Birmingham Mayor's Race (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/bell-woods-and-woodfin-lead-in-poll-and-fundraising/>)

2017-08-02 14:48:37

A WBRC Fox 6 News poll in the Birmingham mayor's race shows incumbent William Bell, building contractor Chris Woods and Birmingham school board member Randall Woodfin leading the race as the Aug. 22 election approaches. Those same three candidates are leading in fundraising, according to a WBHM analysis.

Philemon Hill: Birmingham Needs Economic Development and Strong Schools (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/philemon-hill-wants-economic-development-and-strong-schools/>)

2017-08-02 20:59:38

Philemon Hill is a sports marketer. He's promoted sporting events from baseball to golf around the Southeast. But he's also become a fixture at Birmingham City Council and School Board meetings. Now, he'd like to make the leap from gadfly to mayor.

Birmingham Gentrification Task Force To Meet This Month (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/birmingham-task-force-addressing-gentrification-set-to-meet/>)

2017-08-03 16:54:33

A new task force to address gentrification in Birmingham is set to meet for the first time later this month.

Many GOP Voters Still Undecided on Senate Candidates (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/many-gop-voters-still-undecided-senate-candidates/>)

2017-08-07 14:22:53

Four candidates attended at the GOP Senate forum: incumbent Sen. Luther Strange, Bryan Peeples, Randy Brinson and Congressman Mo Brooks. They wanted to win votes. But as they hashed out issues from abortion to concealed carry laws, many voters left undecided.

Birmingham Council District 5: A Tale Of Two Cities (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/birmingham-council-district-5-a-tale-of-two-cities/>)

2017-08-09 07:21:28

Seven people are vying for the District 5 seat on the Birmingham City Council in the August 22 elections. That's the area representing most of downtown and the surrounding neighborhoods from Crestwood to Smithfield. Managing this district won't be easy. Some parts stand out as hip places to be in Birmingham, while others languish in extreme poverty and blight.

Outgoing State Ethics Commissioner Takes Aim at Fellow Commissioners (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/outgoing-state-ethics-commissioner-takes-aim-at-fellow-commissioners/>)

2017-08-10 11:15:52

An outgoing member of the Alabama Ethics Commission says the panel has been lax in upholding rules to keep state government in line.

2017 Birmingham Mayoral Debate (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/2017-birmingham-mayoral-debate/>)

2017-08-10 16:46:04

WBHM and the Birmingham Business Journal partnered to present the 2017 Birmingham Mayoral Debate. We hear from the top three candidates in Birmingham's race for mayor as determined by public polling: incumbent Mayor William Bell, and challengers Chris Woods, and Randall Woodfin.

Democrats Hope for a Comeback in the U.S. Senate Race (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/democrats-hopeful-about-u-s-senate-race/>)

2017-08-14 08:28:53

Doug Jones is best known for successfully prosecuting the 16th Street Baptist Church bombers and helping indict Birmingham abortion clinic bomber Eric Robert Rudolph. Now the former US Attorney is running in the Democratic Senate primary for the seat formerly held by Jeff Sessions.

Doug Jones Wins Democratic Senate Primary (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/doug-jones-wins-democratic-senate-primary/>)

2017-08-15 21:52:45

Former U.S. Attorney Doug Jones will be the Democratic candidate in the race for Jeff Sessions' former seat in the U.S. Senate. Jones was declared the winner of Tuesday's primary election, with most districts reporting in by around 9 p.m.

Strange and Moore Headed to a Runoff (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/strange-and-moore-headed-to-a-runoff/>)

2017-08-16 10:19:58

Senator Luther Strange will face former Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore in a September runoff. Neither candidate took more than 50 percent of the vote in Tuesday's special Senate primary.

Some Voters Required to Verify Information at the Polls (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/many-voters-faced-issues-at-the-polls/>)

2017-08-16 10:51:40

An attempt to update the state's voter rolls left some Alabama voters confused and angry at the polls in Tuesday's US Senate primary. Those whose status was bumped to "inactive" were permitted to vote after they verified their information.

State Sues City Over Confederate Monument (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/state-sues-city-of-birmingham-over-confederate-monument/>)

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Trudy Hunter Wants To Tackle Education, Poverty (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/trudy-hunter-wants-tackle-education-poverty/>)

2017-08-21 16:19:49

For Trudy Hunter, a law school grad and a social worker from southwest Birmingham, this run for the city's top job has been 10 years in the making. She says she wrestled with God about whether to step out on faith and run.

Low Voter Turnout So Far at Some Birmingham Polls (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/low-voter-turnout-far-birmingham-polls/>)

2017-08-22 13:48:36

Turnout appears low at several Birmingham polling places as voters go to the polls to elect a mayor, city council and school board.

Birmingham Mayor's Race Goes to a Runoff (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/birmingham-mayors-race-goes-to-a-runoff/>)

2017-08-23 00:41:24

Birmingham Mayor William Bell and challenger Randall Woodfin will head to a runoff. The runoff will take place October 3.

Your Birmingham Election Roundup (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/your-birmingham-election-roundup/>)

2017-08-23 09:10:01

WBHM's city government reporter Sherrel Wheeler Stewart offers an overview of Tuesday's municipal elections in Birmingham.

Internal City Government Spats Affect Election Outcome (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/councilmayor-spats-seen-in-birmingham-election-results/>)

2017-08-24 09:29:24

Alabama Media Group columnist John Archibald discusses the results of Tuesday's municipal elections in Birmingham.

The Breakdown: How Woodfin and Bell Fared Around the City (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/how-randall-woodfin-won-round-one-in-the-birmingham-mayors-race/>)

2017-08-24 13:18:08

If you want to know how 36-year-old former school board President Randall Woodfin captured the largest percentage of votes in his bid to win out over incumbent Mayor William Bell, just look at the numbers.

Preview of the Birmingham Mayor's Race: The Woodfin-Bell Divide (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/preview-birmingham-mayors-race-woodfin-bell-divide/>)

2017-08-30 10:05:55

The results are in for the Birmingham Municipal Election. But while these numbers don't lie, they do leave lots of questions

As Irma Swirls Toward Florida, Alabama Prepares (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/irma-swirls-toward-florida-alabama-prepares-evacuees/>)

2017-09-06 20:14:45

Alabama appears to be outside of the path of Hurricane Irma, the deadly storm swirling 145-mile-per-hour winds over the Caribbean. But on Wednesday officials with the state Emergency Management Agency said they are preparing for the worst.

Hurricane Irma and Alabama (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/hurricane-irma-and-alabama/>)

2017-09-10 20:46:23

Resources and news items compiled by the WBHM news team

Alabama Schools Chief Michael Sentance Resigns (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/alabama-schools-chief-michael-sentance-resigns/>)

2017-09-13 13:29:44

After one year on the job, State Superintendent of Education Michael Sentance abruptly resigned Wednesday. His contract had been on the agenda for the State Board of Education meeting scheduled for the following day.

Selfies and Handshakes and Smiles, Oh My! Birmingham Mayor's Race Heats Up (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/selfies-handshakes-smiles-oh-birmingham-mayors-race-heats-up/>)

2017-09-20 16:49:40

The Birmingham city election runoff is less than two weeks away, and in the mayor's race, almost any street, coffee shop, boutique or park can turn into a battleground for votes.

WBHM Politics: Mayor/Council Friction (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/wbhm-politics-mayorcouncil-friction/>)

2017-09-21 10:00:09

In this episode of WBHM Politics, we discuss the fractured relationship between Birmingham Mayor William Bell and the City Council and how upcoming elections may affect that.

Dueling Endorsements for Mayor Among Birmingham Police (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/dueling-endorsements-mayor-among-birmingham-police/>)

2017-09-21 17:43:32

Talk about choosing sides -- Birmingham police are split on who they support for mayor in the upcoming runoff election on Oct. 3.

Regional Governments Team Up to Lure Amazon to Birmingham (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/regional-governments-team-lure-amazon-birmingham/>)

2017-09-25 16:48:33

Government and corporate leaders from throughout Jefferson County announced a joint effort today to lure a proposed Amazon headquarters to Birmingham.

Candidates Make One Final Push Before Tuesday's GOP Senate Runoff (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/final-push-to-widen-the-gap-in-gop-senate-runoff/>)

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Moore's Win Wasn't About Trump (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/moore-win-an-alabama-phenomena-not-about-trump/>)

2017-09-27 10:27:04

Political consultant David Mowery offers analysis of Tuesday's Republican runoff for U.S. Senate which put Roy Moore on top over Luther Strange.

WBHM Politics: Gentrification (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/wbhm-politics-gentrification/>)

2017-09-28 10:34:40

In this episode of WBHM Politics, we hear about the rising discussion of gentrification around Birmingham.

Where Trump and Roy Moore Intersect (Hint: It isn't Religion) (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/where-trump-and-roy-moore-intersect-hint-it-isnt-religion/>)

2017-09-28 12:42:18

What do President Donald Trump and Roy Moore have in common? The president isn't particularly religious. But Moore, whose evangelical Christian base carried him to victory Tuesday in the Republican primary for US Senate, might not need a Bible-toting president to win votes in the December general election.

Birmingham Attorneys and Coal Company Executive Indicted in Bribery Scheme (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/birmingham-attorneys-and-coal-executive-indicted-in-bribery-scheme/>)

2017-09-28 15:11:45

Federal prosecutors have indicted two attorneys with a prominent Birmingham law firm and a coal company executive for their alleged involvement in a bribery scheme related to efforts to clean up pollution around north Birmingham.

Education

Trudy Hunter Wants To Tackle Education, Poverty (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/trudy-hunter-wants-tackle-education-poverty/>)

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Series Takes On Alabama's Racial Achievement Gap (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/series-tackles-tough-subject-alabamas-racial-achievement-gap/>)

2017-07-10 22:53:48

African-American students in Alabama tend not to perform as well on standardized tests as their white counterparts. That's part of the so-called "achievement gap," one of the most persistent and touchiest issues in education. But a new data-driven series by AL.com, journalism nonprofit Spaceship Media, and teachers from across Alabama aims to explore and find solutions to those disparities.

Still in Vacation Mode? Tax Holiday Aims to Snap You Out of It (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/still-vacation-mode-tax-holiday-aims-snap/>)

2017-07-20 15:35:31

Alabama's back-to-school sales tax holiday takes place from July 21 - 23. It's a chance to get folders and highlighters and a lot of clothing tax-free. If it seems awfully early, it's because it is.

High School Students Track Real Cybercriminals at UAB (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/high-school-students-track-real-cybercriminals-uab/>)

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What do fake NBA jerseys, black-market pills, and other people's bank data have in common? They're all available through cybercrime, and they've all been tracked by high school students at a weeklong camp at UAB.

School Closures Due to Irma (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/school-closures-due-to-irma/>)

2017-09-10 20:45:34

School closings due to anticipated severe weather from Hurricane Irma

Denver or Bust! UAB Solar House Heads to the Rockies for Competition (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/denver-bust-uab-solar-house-heads-rockies-competition/>)

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Science and Technology

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To Prescribe or Not to Prescribe? Opioid Crisis Presents Ethical Dilemma (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/prescribe-not-prescribe-opioid-crisis-presents-ethical-dilemma/>)

2017-07-05 21:24:41

Deaths from prescription opioids have more than quadrupled since 1999. So today, doctors trying to treat pain face a dilemma: to prescribe, or not to prescribe. To understand the quandary, WBHM's Dan Carsen checks in with two leading specialists who've agreed to disagree.

High Technology Could Solve Solar Mysteries During Eclipse (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/eclipse-plus-local-technology-could-equal-solved-mysteries/>)

2017-08-19 08:01:41

Cutting-edge imaging technology from a Birmingham nonprofit could take advantage of the August 21 eclipse to solve solar mysteries. The telescopic camera system will fly almost 10 miles high on two revamped bombers that tag-team as they chase the moon's shadow.

Economy

New Report: Lack of Regional Cooperation Hinders Birmingham's Growth (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/new-report-lack-regional-cooperation-hinders-birmingham-growth/>)

2017-07-03 09:59:47

Birmingham Business Journal's Ty West talks about one of the biggest factors hindering Birmingham's growth, a lack of regional cooperation.

Industry Report says Birmingham Needs More Apartments (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/industry-report-says-birmingham-needs-more-apartments/>)

2017-07-10 05:00:36

An industry report says Birmingham will need more apartment construction to meet demand through 2030.

Professional Soccer League Eyeing Birmingham (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/professional-soccer-league-eyeing-birmingham/>)

2017-07-17 05:00:28

A professional soccer league is eyeing Birmingham for expansion.

Residents Worry About More Vacancies at Brookwood Mall (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/residents-worry-vacancies-brookwood-mall/>)

2017-07-18 15:46:06

Belk announced last week it will close its store at Brookwood Village Mall. Homewood residents are now wondering what's next?

Birmingham's Regions Harbert Plaza Now Minus Regions (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/birmingham-regions-harbert-plaza-now-without-regions/>)

2017-07-31 05:00:43

A New York firm will try to fill a big chunk of space in downtown Birmingham's Regions Harbert Plaza once Regions leaves the office tower.

What Birmingham Businesses Want From City Leaders (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/birmingham-business-leaders-hopes-for-the-city/>)

2017-08-07 06:00:11

Birmingham business leaders weigh in on what they expect from city leadership. Birmingham's municipal elections will be August 22.

New Soccer Team Adds to Birmingham's Story of Revival (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/new-soccer-team-fits-in-birmingham-story-of-rebirth/>)

2017-08-14 05:00:05

A new professional soccer team in Birmingham could mean an added asset for downtown.

Republicans Prepare for Battle in Senate Runoff (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/republicans-prepare-for-battle-in-senate-runoff/>)

2017-08-17 09:58:54

Alabama Media Group columnist John Archibald discusses this week's U.S. Senate primary and next week's municipal election in Birmingham.

Innovate Birmingham Aims for a Generational Economic Boost (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/innovate-birmingham-aims-for-a-generational-economic-boost/>)

2017-08-21 05:00:55

Birmingham Business Journal editor Ty West explains about the new economic initiative Innovate Birmingham.

State Film Incentives Have Limited Impact in Birmingham (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/state-film-incentives-have-limited-impact-in-birmingham/>)

2017-08-28 05:00:18

Birmingham Business Journal editor Ty West discusses the affect of Alabama's film tax credits eight years after they were implemented.

Will the Return of UAB Football Boost the City's Bottom Line? (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/uab-footballs-return-generates-excitement-but-likely-not-extra-money/>)

2017-08-30 11:42:16

Sports economist Victor Matheson explains the potential economic impact of reviving UAB Football.

Health Care

Rural Hospitals Struggle, but Wilcox County's Could Survive (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/rural-hospitals-struggle-wilcox-countys-survive/>)

2017-09-25 20:18:52

Most rural hospitals in Alabama are operating at a financial loss. Since 2010, a half-dozen have closed, one of the highest closure rates in the nation. But as it turns out, a tiny hospital in the state's poorest county could buck the trend.

FAQ: How Would The Republican Health Care Bills Affect You? (<https://news.wbhm.org>)

2017-07-10 11:00:09

This week, Republicans in Congress will try to rally votes for a bill that proposes major changes to the way Americans get health care and how much they pay. In Alabama, many thousands could be affected.

Environment

Denver or Bust! UAB Solar House Heads to the Rockies for Competition (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/denver-bust-uab-solar-house-heads-rockies-competition/>)

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The Ripple Effect When a Giant Iceberg Breaks Away From Antarctica (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/renowned-polar-expert-puts-larsen-ice-collapse-in-context/>)

2017-07-14 16:42:14

This week, scientists watched an iceberg the size of Delaware break away from Antarctica's Larsen C ice shelf. The mass of ice that broke off weighs about a trillion tons. It'll eventually melt, but as UAB polar biologist and Antarctic explorer Jim McClintock tells WBHM's Dan Carsen, there are some long-term concerns.

Climate Change Analysis Predicts Losses for South (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/climate-change-analysis-predicts-pain-for-south/>)

2017-07-19 22:41:09

Scientists and economists have put together a detailed analysis of potential economic damage from climate change. One takeaway: Alabama and the rest of the South could suffer more than other parts of the country.

Bleached Creek Highlights ADEM Shortfalls, Say Critics (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/bleached-creek-highlights-adem-shortfalls-say-critics/>)

2017-08-06 20:28:25

Alabama has some of the most ecologically rich waters in the world. But the agency tasked with monitoring them gets less funding per resident than in any other state. Some complain the Alabama Department of Environmental Management is not doing its job. They point to a contaminated creek in Shelby County as an example.

Heading Into the Path of the Storm (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/heading-path-storm-help/>)

2017-09-08 18:18:54

As many people flee Hurricane Irma, some are heading right into its path. Irma is barreling towards Florida and is expected to make landfall tomorrow. David Goodwin, with the American Red Cross in Birmingham, headed to Florida to help.

Some Irma Evacuees Remain at Talladega Superspeedway (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/irma-evacuees-remain-talladega-superspeedway/>)

2017-09-11 16:55:52

Though most of nearly 200 Irma evacuees from Florida have left Talladega Superspeedway, there are still roughly 60 people in recreational vehicles there.

Arts and Culture

Charlemagne Records Celebrates 40 Years (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/charlemagne-records-celebrates-40-years/>)

2017-07-12 10:33:45

The Birmingham institution has endured several music format changes from cassette tapes to online streaming. WBHM's Esther Ciammachilli popped in to Charlemagne to see what this little shop has done to stay afloat during a time when record stores have almost disappeared.

New Elyton Hotel Blends Old Birmingham With New (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/new-elyton-hotel-blends-old-birmingham-with-the-new/>)

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The old Colonial Bank Building at the corner of 1st Avenue North and 20th Street downtown stood vacant for years. It now opens as an upscale hotel with a polished face and a plush interior, reminiscent of the city's history as a center for industry and commerce.

Birmingham Weekly Newspaper Halts Publishing (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/birmingham-weekly-newspaper-halts-publishing/>)

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Weld general manager, Heather Milam Nikolich, tells WBHM's Esther Ciammachilli the move is temporary.

Arc Stories: July 2017 Edition (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/arc-stories-july-2017-edition/>)

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UAB Opens New Football Offices and Practice Facility (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/uab-opens-new-football-offices-and-practice-facility/>)

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All Together Now! Alabamians Try for World's Largest Rock Band (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/alabamians-try-worlds-largest-rock-band/>)

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The Auburn group tried last year to break this record. A total of 850 people participated in that effort. Unbeknownst to them, a group in China outdid them with a 953-member rock band.

Twists, Fades and Frohawks? Blazer Barbers Have it Covered (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/twists-fades-and-frohawks-blazers-barbers-gotcha-covered/>)

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UAB Blazers football players don't need to go farther than the locker room for a hair cut. The team has its own barbershop.

Blazer Fans Eager for the Return of UAB Football (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/blazer-fans-eager-for-the-return-of-uab-football/>)

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UAB Football fans are eager for the season to start, the first since the program was revived two years ago.

The Voice Behind the Crimson Tide? That's Eli Gold (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/touchdown-the-voice-thats-music-to-a-tide-fans-ears/>)

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Meet the man who is the voice behind the Alabama Crimson Tide. Eli Gold has announced games for the Tide on the radio for almost three decades.