



Issues/Program Report 4th Quarter 2017

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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 October 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017. The list includes the following issues:

Government

Biden: "It Gives You Reason to Believe a Little Again" (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/biden-gives-reason-believe-little/>)

2017-10-03 18:02:16

A Democrat hasn't won major statewide office in Alabama for decades, but polls show former federal prosecutor Doug Jones within striking distance of Republican Roy Moore in a special U.S. Senate election set for December 12. Jones had high-profile support at a rally at the Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex in Birmingham on Tuesday, including former Vice President Joe Biden.

Woodfin Wins. Birmingham Voters Deny Bell Another Term (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/woodfin-wins-birmingham-voters-deny-bell-another-term/>)

2017-10-03 23:29:18

A Generational Change as Woodfin Wins Birmingham Mayoral Race (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/a-generational-change-as-woodfin-wins-birmingham-mayoral-race/>)

2017-10-04 08:45:13

City attorney Randall Woodfin is set to become Birmingham's next mayor after defeating incumbent Mayor William Bell in a municipal runoff election Tuesday.

WBHM Politics: A New Mayor for Birmingham (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/a-new-mayor-for-birmingham/>)

2017-10-05 09:35:36

WBHM reporter Sherrel Wheeler Stewart and Alabama Media Group columnist John Archibald discuss the results of Tuesday's election that make Randall Woodfin Birmingham's next mayor.

'Hurricane Nate is an Alabama storm.' State Braces for Impact (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/this-is-an-alabama-storm-alabama-braces-for-hurricane-nate/>)

2017-10-07 17:23:16

Hurricane Nate could bring sustained winds up to 100 mph and gusts up to 115 mph when it makes landfall along the Gulf Coast Saturday night. Because of those high winds, the storm's impact on Alabama is expected to be dramatically greater than Irma.

As Nate Weakens, Expect Heavy Rain and Wind (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/nate-weakens-more-wind-and-rain-expected/>)

2017-10-08 10:50:01

Nate has quickly weakened to a tropical depression. The Birmingham metro area can expect torrential rains and strong winds to continue moving in Sunday. Wind advisories are in effect for all of Central Alabama through 10 pm Sunday.

Birmingham Mayor, Council To Start Terms On Different Dates (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/birmingham-mayor-council-start-terms-different-dates/>)

2017-10-10 06:56:27

Birmingham's mayor and council were elected at the same time, but they will not take office the same day because of state law.

Mayor-elect Randall Woodfin Announces Transition Leaders, Inauguration Date (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/mayor-elect-randall-woodfin-announces-transition-leaders-inauguration-date/>)

2017-10-10 15:55:37

Birmingham Mayor-elect Randall Woodfin began his transition into office today with a press conference at Vulcan, echoing some of the same themes from his campaign.

Roy Moore's Foundation Guaranteed Him a \$180,000 Salary (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/moores-foundation-guaranteed-him-a-180000-salary/>)

2017-10-12 11:01:34

The Washington Post on Wednesday published a report revealing that Moore had arranged to receive a salary of \$180,000 a year for part-time work at this charity. The report goes on to say Moore collected more than \$1 million from 2007 to 2012 -- well beyond what the group disclosed in federal tax filings.

Voters Hope Woodfin Fulfills Promises For Better Birmingham (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/voters-hope-woodfin-fulfills-promises-better-birmingham/>)

2017-10-17 10:46:15

Randall Woodfin takes over as mayor of Birmingham on Nov. 28. He overwhelmingly beat incumbent Mayor William Bell in this month's runoff. On the campaign trail, the 36-year-old Woodfin promised a better Birmingham. Now residents say they expect him to deliver on those promises.

A Rash of Political Sign Thefts in Homewood (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/a-rash-of-political-sign-thefts-in-homewood/>)

2017-10-18 17:35:51

Supporters of Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Doug Jones in Homewood have taken to social media to complain about a wave of campaign signs stolen from their yards around the city.

WBHM Politics: Crackdown on Airbnb (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/wbhm-politics-crackdown-on-airbnb/>)

2017-10-26 09:55:25

Cities, including some in Alabama, are putting restrictions on short-term rental sites such as Airbnb. And they're taking many different approaches.

Woodfin Shocked the Old Guard. Now What? (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/woodfin-shocked-old-guard-now/>)

2017-11-03 10:14:26

In about three weeks, Randall Woodfin takes office as Birmingham's next mayor. Woodfin worked for years as an attorney at City Hall. During his year-long campaign for mayor, Woodfin shined a light on the city's problems and sold most Birmingham voters on his ability to fix them. Recently he spoke with WBHM's Sherrel Wheeler Stewart about what's next and how he won.

U.S. Senate Race has Alabama Democrats Hoping for a Turnaround (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/u-s-senate-race-has-alabama-democrats-hoping-for-a-turnaround/>)

2017-11-06 08:47:25

Republicans have steadily eaten away at Democrats' historic dominance of Alabama politics over the last generation and now hold firm control of all three branches of government. But there's excitement among Alabama Democrats about the upcoming Senate and gubernatorial elections. Is this a turning point?

WBHM Politics: Regional Cooperation (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/wbhm-politics-regional-cooperation/>)

2017-11-09 08:00:06

Regional cooperation around Birmingham is something that gets talked about but never seems to go much beyond that. A study released this summer is trying to give new life to the issue. In this episode of WBHM Politics we'll hear about the study and examine the status of regional cooperation around Birmingham

New Report: Moore Initiated Sexual Contact With Girl, Then 14 (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/moore-accused-of-initiating-sexual-contact-with-a-minor/>)

2017-11-09 14:56:48

The Washington Post is reporting Republican Alabama Senate candidate Roy Moore had a sexual encounter with a 14 year-old girl when he was a 32-year-old assistant district attorney.

Why Alabama Still Has No Water Management Plan (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/why-alabama-still-has-no-water-management-plan/>)

2017-11-10 07:59:30

The state has 132 thousand miles of streams and rivers. And if your land touches that water, for the most part, you can take all you want. Most states have rules about who gets how much water, and when—not Alabama.

Is it Game Over for Moore? (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/allegations-against-moore-big-but-not-fatal/>)

2017-11-10 09:13:40

Political consultant David Mowery offers analysis of Thursday's report from the Washington Post that Alabama Republican Senate candidate Roy Moore initiated a sexual encounter with a 14-year-old girl when he was 32.

Friends And A Few Protestors Greet Roy Moore In Vestavia (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/roy-moore-finds-friends-protesters-at-vestavia-republican-meeting/>)

2017-11-11 13:49:01

Judge Roy Moore saluted veterans and defended himself against allegations of sexual misconduct 40 years ago, during a speech Saturday morning in Vestavia Hills. He found a lot of support, some protestors also were on hand.

Fifth Woman Accuses Moore of Sexual Assault (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/roy-moore-denials-following-fifth-woman-accuser/>)

2017-11-13 21:07:17

A fifth woman came forward Monday with powerful sexual allegations against Republican U.S. Senate candidate Roy Moore. Beverly Young Nelson said Moore sexually assaulted her when she was a 16-year-old waitress at a restaurant Moore often frequented. Moore continued to deny the allegations.

Support Mixed For Roy Moore in Gadsden Following Allegations (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/support-mixed-roy-moore-gadsden-following-allegations/>)

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Talk Radio Buzzing Over Roy Moore Allegations (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/talk-radio-buzzing-over-roy-moore-allegations/>)

2017-11-15 16:39:10

The Senate Race in Alabama is a huge topic of conversation after allegations of sexual assault against Republican candidate Roy Moore. That conversation is flowing through talk radio where some listeners remain solidly behind Moore.

Moore Campaign Says Yearbook Signature Could Be Fake (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/moore-campaign-says-yearbook-signature-could-be-fake/>)

2017-11-15 17:23:15

Officials with Roy Moore's campaign late Wednesday afternoon continued to deny the sexual assault claims of his latest accuser, Beverly Nelson Young. Campaign Chairman Bill Armistead said Moore doesn't recall ever signing Nelson Young's high school yearbook.

State GOP Unwavering in Support for Moore (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/al-gop-unwavering-in-support-for-moore/>)

2017-11-16 16:02:25

The Alabama Republican Party is holding firm in its support for U.S. Senate candidate Roy Moore. According to Chairman Terry Lathan, "The ALGOP Steering Committee supports Judge Roy Moore as our nominee and trusts the voters as they make the ultimate decision in this crucial race."

Jones Shifts Tactics, Aims at Republican Voters (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/doug-jones-campaign-how-hard-to-poke-the-elephant-in-the-room/>)

2017-11-16 17:14:15

Doug Jones says the mounting sexual misconduct claims against his GOP opponent Roy Moore are credible. But Jones has been relatively restrained about attacking Moore. Jones campaign officials say they're focusing their message on their candidate. But sometimes, the elephant in the room is too easy a target.

Roy Moore, Faith Leaders Say GOP Establishment Is Behind Allegations (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/roy-moore-faith-leaders-say-gop-establishment-is-behind-allegations/>)

2017-11-16 17:31:49

Pastors and faith leaders from around the country stood with embattled GOP Senate candidate Roy Moore in Birmingham Thursday, castigating the media and denying charges of Moore's sexual misconduct decades ago.

Democratic Senate Candidate Doug Jones talks Roy Moore, Campaign Issues and Abortion (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/democratic-senate-candidate-doug-jones-talks-roy-moore-campaign-issues-and-abortion/>)

2017-11-21 05:20:47

Doug Jones finds himself in a position an Alabama Democrat has not been in for a generation. He has a reasonable chance of being elected to the U.S. Senate. Jones faces Republican Roy Moore December 12th in a race to fill the Senate seat vacated by Attorney General Jeff Sessions.

WBHM Politics: Family, the Holidays and Politics (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/wbhm-politics-family-the-holidays-and-politics/>)

2017-11-21 07:05:32

Take a few family members, mix in some strong political opinions and plop them into a holiday gathering. It's a perfect recipe for clashes, fraught emotions and maybe some mashed potatoes thrown against the wall. And that's the feast we're serving up on this edition of WBHM Politics.

Birmingham's Millennial Mayor Moves to a Different Beat (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/birminghams-millennial-mayor-moves-different-beat/>)

2017-11-21 11:31:29

One week from today, Randall Woodfin takes office as Birmingham's 30th mayor. His rise to the big office on third floor of City Hall is a move Woodfin has calculated for years, even though he's just 36.

Woodfin Inaugurated as Birmingham's 30th Mayor (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/woodfin-inaugurated-as-citys-30th-mayor/>)

2017-11-28 17:36:27

Randall Woodfin, a 36-year-old former Birmingham school board member, was inaugurated Tuesday as Birmingham's 30th mayor.

Birmingham Police Chief A.C. Roper Steps Down (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/birmingham-police-chief-a-c-roper-steps-down/>)

2017-11-29 14:39:23

After weeks of speculation, Birmingham Police Chief A.C. Roper is stepping down. Mayor Randall Woodfin's office released a statement from the chief today confirming that Roper did not reapply for his position in the new mayor's administration.

A Write-In Vote for Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson or Minnie Mouse for Senate? Think Again (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/planning-to-vote-for-dwayne-the-rock-johnson-or-minnie-mouse-think-again/>)

2017-11-29 18:20:31

Alabama Secretary of State John Merrill issued guidance Wednesday on casting a write-in vote in the December 12 special election for U.S. Senate.

"Dreamer Riders" Head to D.C. to Push for Immigrant Rights (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/dreamer-riders-heading-to-d-c-to-push-for-immigrant-rights/>)

2017-12-05 17:49:57

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Apathy and a Divide Among Some Black Voters (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/apathy-divide-among-black-voters/>)

2017-12-06 11:29:57

If he has a chance at defeating conservative Republican Roy Moore in Tuesday's US Senate election, Democrat Doug Jones needs lots of votes, especially from African Americans. But some in the black community say it'll take more than a history of prosecuting the KKK members responsible for the 16th Street Baptist Church bombing to energize them to support Jones.

WBHM Politics: The U.S. Senate Election (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/wbhm-politics-the-u-s-senate-election/>)

2017-12-07 09:30:23

In the latest edition of WBHM Politics we discuss the U.S. Senate race in Alabama pitting Republican Roy Moore against Democrat Doug Jones.

Alabama Recovers After Winter Storm, Thousands Without Power (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/alabama-thaws-out-after-winter-storm/>)

2017-12-09 12:53:44

Alabama Voters Pick Democrat Doug Jones (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/jones-moore-senate/>)

2017-12-12 22:52:56

Former U.S. Attorney Doug Jones handed Republican Roy Moore a stunning blow in Tuesday's special Senate election for the seat formerly held by Attorney General Jeff Sessions. The results capped off an intense race defined in recent weeks by allegations of sexual misconduct against Moore from decades ago. Moore did not concede late Monday evening.

The GOP Take: Why Roy Moore Lost His Senate Bid (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/gop-take-roy-moore-lost-senate-bid/>)

2017-12-13 10:43:54

Republicans across Alabama woke up in a state of shock Wednesday morning over Democrat Doug Jones' stunning defeat of GOP candidate Roy Moore. A strong 40 percent turnout – much higher than state projections – was key to Jones' victory, Republican strategist Jeff Vreeland said.

Three Reasons Alabama Made Democrat Doug Jones its Next Senator (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/three-reasons-alabama-made-democrat-doug-jones-next-senator/>)

2017-12-13 13:41:36

In a dramatic and highly contentious race, Alabama voters on Tuesday elected Democrat Doug Jones to the U.S. Senate. Jones will occupy the seat previously held by Attorney General Jeff Sessions. This marks the first time in a quarter century an Alabama Democrat won a U.S. Senate seat.

Airport Authority Leader to Step Down after Three Decades (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/airport-authority-leader-stepping-down-after-three-decade-career/>)

2017-12-15 14:15:25

After a 34-year career at Birmingham-Shuttlesworth airport, including 17 years as airport authority president and CEO, Alfonso Denson will step down in early 2018.

WBHM Politics: A Look Back at 2017 (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/wbhm-politics-a-look-back-on-2017/>)

2017-12-21 09:31:55

Alabama politics was on overload this year with a new governor, new senator and new mayor for Birmingham.

Moore Seeks to Block Certification of Election Results (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/moore-seeks-to-delay-certification-of-senate-election-results/>)
2017-12-28 09:08:34

Federal Judicial Nominee Who Has Never Tried A Case Advanced By Senate Committee (https://news.wbhm.org/npr_story_post/2017/federal-judicial-nominee-never-tried-case-advanced-senate-committee/)

2017-11-13 11:54:40

Brett Talley, 36, a Harvard Law School graduate, has worked for numerous political campaigns and written partisan blog posts but has limited experience as a practicing attorney.

Alabamians Fear Roy Moore Is Bad For Business (https://news.wbhm.org/npr_story_post/2017/alabamians-fear-roy-moore-bad-business/)

2017-12-04 05:35:36

Abortion Could Be Deal-Breaker In Alabama Senate Race For Many Torn GOP Voters (https://news.wbhm.org/npr_story_post/2017/abortion-deal-breaker-alabama-senate-race-many-torn-gop-voters/)

2017-12-08 06:56:27

GOP Senate nominee Roy Moore could win Tuesday's special election, notwithstanding sexual misconduct allegations against him. A big reason is that Democrat Doug Jones supports abortion rights.

The Crazy, Unbelievable Alabama Senate Race Careens To An End (https://news.wbhm.org/npr_story_post/2017/the-crazy-unbelievable-alabama-senate-race-careens-to-an-end/)

2017-12-11 05:00:22

Roy Moore was already a controversial nominee. Then sexual assault allegations roiled the Alabama special election and created a tight contest with Democrat Doug Jones for a critical Senate seat.

Jones Victory Credited To African-American Voters (https://news.wbhm.org/npr_story_post/2017/jones-victory-credited-african-american-voters/)

2017-12-14 14:24:34

Doug Jones and Roy Moore Vary Widely on Top Issues in Senate Race - BirminghamWatch (<https://news.wbhm.org>)

2017-12-07 09:51:07

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Economy

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Birmingham Doesn't Need a Headquarters to Take a Bite Out of Amazon (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/birmingham-doesnt-need-a-headquarters-to-take-a-bite-of-out-amazon/>)

2017-10-16 05:09:46

Birmingham is among dozens of cities fighting for Amazon's second headquarters. But another type of Amazon facility is more likely for the Magic City.

As Flu Season Begins, Shots Boost Health and Bottom Lines (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/flu-season-begins-shots-boost-health-bottom-lines/>)

2017-10-19 21:05:44

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Why Only Four Major Airlines Out of Birmingham? (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/four-major-airlines-birmingham/>)
2017-11-22 08:01:04

How the Shipt-Target Deal Could Affect Birmingham (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/shipt-target-deal-affect-birmingham/>)
2017-12-26 16:52:44

Target wants in on the same-day delivery business. And last week it announced it's spending \$550 million to buy the Birmingham-based startup, Shipt. The deal could have ripple effects for Birmingham.

Health Care

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Gay Men Blood Donors Not as Risky as Once Thought, Researchers Say (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/top-hiv-researcher-time-to-change-barriers-to-gay-men-giving-blood/>)
2017-10-24 21:25:33

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ACA Health Plan Enrollment Brisk Despite Federal Cuts (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/aca-health-plan-enrollment-brisk-despite-federal-cuts/>)
2017-12-14 09:24:45

In Alabama, about 200,000 people have insurance through the Affordable Care Act. But this year, people have half as much time to sign up for a health plan through the ACA, known as "Obamacare." The Trump administration also slashed the budget to advertise the healthcare.gov website. But in a tiny office in Birmingham, "Navigators" are trying to make up for that.

Thousands Of Alabama Children Could Soon Lose Health Insurance (https://news.wbhm.org/npr_story_post/2017/thousands-alabama-children-soon-lose-health-insurance/)
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Science and Technology

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New Documentary Highlights Lesbian Struggle for Equality in Alabama (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/new-documentary-highlights-lesbian-struggle-equality-alabama/>)
2017-10-20 11:20:20

The film follows three lesbian couples, a group that directors say has historically been invisible in Alabama.

New Initiative Seeks to Preserve Alabama LGBTQ Histories (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/new-initiative-seeks-preserve-alabama-lgbtq-histories/>)
2017-12-18 13:54:38

Invisible Histories Project Alabama is aimed at finding, recording and preserving what the group calls the “always vanishing” stories of LGBTQ Alabamians.

The Accidental LGBT Activist: Jim Obergefell Speaks to Students at UAB (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/accidental-lgbt-activist-jim-obergefell-speaks-students-uab/>)

2017-10-19 09:57:53

Jim Obergefel was at the center of the U.S. Supreme Court case legalizing same-sex marriage nationwide. He spoke at the University of Alabama at Birmingham last night about what’s he’s been doing since that landmark day in 2015.

Education

School Closures and Delays Due to Winter Weather (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/school-closures-due-to-winter-weather/>)

2017-12-08 06:57:02

Many schools across Alabama have announced delays because of snow expected to fall Friday.

A Winning Season Puts UAB Football on Strong Footing (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/a-winning-season-puts-uab-football-on-strong-footing-for-the-future/>)

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Sports

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What it Takes to Get the Blazers to the Bahamas (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/takes-get-blazers-bahamas/>)

2017-12-07 11:43:27

The logistics of getting some 125 players, 40 staffers, and 50 band members to the Bahamas are formidable. Start with a shipping container, all those passports, two charter planes, and some lessons from teams that have gone to the Bahamas Bowl before.

Arts and Culture

Musical Healing: ASO's Izcaray Begins Second Season (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/musical-healing-asos-izcaray-begins-second-season/>)

2017-10-05 08:07:09

California Dreamin' With a Heart of Dixie: Writer Charlie Wyatt (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/california-dreamin-heart-dixie-writer-charlie-wyatt/>)

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The Birmingham native has lived in San Diego, California, since the 1960s, but his soul stayed in the South. Wyatt began writing short stories a few years ago, releasing a little bit of that Southern soul in the process.

New Documentary Highlights Lesbian Struggle for Equality in Alabama (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/new-documentary-highlights-lesbian-struggle-equality-alabama/>)

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The film follows three lesbian couples, a group that directors say has historically been invisible in Alabama.

Miles Hoffman: 'Random sounds are rarely soothing.' (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/miles-hoffman-random-sounds-are-rarely-soothing/>)

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Miles Hoffman says when it comes to classical music, there's no substitute for a live performance. Hoffman is Morning Edition's music commentator, and he's the founder and artistic director of The American Chamber Players.

How to Solve Birmingham's Food Service Worker Shortage (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/solve-birmingham-food-service-worker-shortage/>)

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Kids, Dogs and the Culture of Breweries (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/kids-dogs-culture-breweries/>)

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For WBHM's food series, “Sound Bites” we look at why breweries have become such popular places for families to spend quality time.

New Initiative Seeks to Preserve Alabama LGBTQ Histories (<https://news.wbhm.org/feature/2017/new-initiative-seeks-preserve-alabama-lgbtq-histories/>)

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Invisible Histories Project Alabama is aimed at finding, recording and preserving what the group calls the “always vanishing” stories of LGBTQ Alabamians.

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