

**THIRD QUARTER ISSUES PROGRAMS LIST FOR  
TROY UNIVERSITY PUBLIC RADIO  
July 1 – September 30, 2022  
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**Section I. Issues.**

The station has identified the following issues as significant issues facing our community this quarter:

- A. Societal Issues:** A nonprofit restaurant; Troy University Arboretum renovation; Nature as art; The Fair Housing Act and home/rent affordability; Financial empowerment of women; Outdoor opportunities during Covid-19; Montgomery Zoo rare marmosets; Inflation's effects on wages; Monkeypox and Covid-19 subvariants; Coping with summer travel expenses and flight cancellations; The housing market; Chair of the National Endowment for the Arts; Alabama State Council on the Arts helping local arts organizations survive the pandemic; BBC Proms; Back-to-school purchasing of electronics; Pets and how they teach us; Digital assets; NFTs – Non-Fungible Tokens; Georgia - Alabama Pinhoti National Recreation Trail; Customer reviews; The Merchant Marine and the supply chain; Cyber hackers; A play about how addiction affects families; Montgomery Symphony Orchestra accompanies a movie; Homeowner advice for hurricane and tornado season; Queen Elizabeth's award for efforts to protect race horses from abuse; Ukraine War and refugee help from NATO countries.
- B. Historical Issues:** Alabama's textile industry decline; Barbecue history; World War II south Alabama family story; World War II "Six Triple Eight" Women's Army Corps Central Postal Directory Battalion of African American members and Congressional Gold Medal recipient Mrs. Romay Davis; Weems family of African American landowners in early Columbia, Alabama; The American Mob in Cuba prior to the Castro revolution; Opelika in World War II and the play, *We'll Meet Again*; Virginia Hill, mobster Bugsy Siegel's Alabama girlfriend; The Cherokee Trail of Tears and Sherman's March to the Sea; Naturalist Philip Henry Gosse in Alabama's Blackbelt in 1838; National Public Lands Day and Alabama's five Civil Rights National Park Sites.

**Section II: Responsive Programs.**

The station has broadcast programming dealing with each of the above-referenced issues. Programming on *In Focus*, with host Carolyn Hutcheson, dealt with each issue in a 9-minute time frame, beginning at 12:40 p.m. Central time on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. On Mondays, *In Focus* featured economic topics on *The Exchange*. The program continues its

Podcasts.

**A. Societal Issues:**

-Broadcast on July 6:

A discussion with guest Jennifer Kornegay, freelance writer and editor, about a unique restaurant in Brewton, Alabama, owned by an African-American couple, that is a pay-as-you-can enterprise that serves meals to anyone in need.

-Broadcast on July 7:

A discussion with guest Alvin Diamond, professor of biology and director of the Troy University Arboretum, which is under renovation to offer students and the public a site to learn about ecology. Volunteers are helping with the restoration of the 75-acre tract.

-Broadcast on July 11:

A discussion with guest Monde Donaldson, vice-president of the Better Business Bureau Educational Foundation, on coping with summer travel frustrations - high gasoline prices, airline cancellations, and inflation

Broadcast on July 13:

A discussion with guest Kimberly Hobbs, executive director of the Central Alabama Fair Housing Center, about the Fair Housing Act and how it affects home buyers, renters, and property managers.

-Broadcast on July 14:

An on-location discussion at the Alabama Herb Society's Herb Day with guest artist Joanne Staley, former assistant professor of art at Troy University and well-known silversmith. Her nature jewelry features stones from the Alabama landscape.

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-Broadcast on July 18:

A discussion on *The Exchange* with guest Amanda Senn, chief deputy director of the Alabama Securities Commission, about financial empowerment for women.

-Broadcast on July 19:

A discussion with guest James Bullinger, known on social media as the Bama Hiker, about outdoor walking and hiking opportunities, as a safer alternative to spreading the virus indoors during the pandemic.

-Broadcast on July 21:

A discussion with guests Michelle Johnson and Devan Castillo, zookeepers at the Montgomery Zoo, about marmosets at the South America Exhibit. Precautions are in place to keep the animals a safe distance from human visitors, to avoid spreading the Covid-19 virus..

-Broadcast on July 25:

A discussion on *The Exchange* with guest Judson Edwards, economist and dean of the Troy

University Sorrell College of Business, about the impact of inflation on wages and buying power.

-Broadcast on July 27:

A discussion with guest Dr. Wes Stubblefield, district medical officer for the Alabama Department of Public Health, about Monkeypox. He also gave an update on the latest subvariants of Covid-19.

-Broadcast on August 1:

A discussion on *The Exchange* with guest Judson Edwards, economist and dean of the Sorrell College of Business at Troy University, about pressures on the housing market – high prices, high demand, less availability.

-Broadcast on August 2:

A discussion with guest Maria Rosario Jackson, urban planner and Chair of the National Endowment for the Arts, about her impressions of the arts in Montgomery, Birmingham, and Selma.

-Broadcast on August 3:

A follow-up discussion with guest Elliot Knight, executive director of the Alabama State Council on the Arts, about Chair Jackson's visit to Alabama cities and how the Arts Council is helping local arts organizations survive the pandemic.

-Broadcast on August 4:

A discussion with guest Catherine Allard, Troy University music professor emerita, about the BBC Proms broadcast, which brings the music from the great composers, orchestras, and soloists to radio fans who otherwise might be unable to attend in person.

-Broadcast on August 8:

A discussion with guest Monde Donaldson of the Better Business Bureau, with advice on purchasing electronics for back-to-school.

-Broadcast on August 11:

A discussion with guest Liz Fryer, author of *Spencer and Lulu – A Love Story*, about how the traits of love, care, and compassion can be reflected by dogs to each other and humans.

-Broadcast on August 15:

A discussion with guest Amanda Senn, chief deputy director of the Alabama Securities Commission, about precautions to investors using digital assets as a hedge against inflation.

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-Broadcast on August 22:

A discussion with guest Amanda Senn, chief deputy director of the Alabama Securities Commission, about NFTs – Non-Fungible Tokens, with ASC precautions to investors.

-Broadcast on August 24:

A discussion with guest Hope Cates, ranger with James H. Floyd State Park in Summerville, Ga., about the park's location on the Pinhoti Trail, a 330-mile National Scenic Trail that connects north Georgia's Appalachian Trail with central Alabama's Flagg Mountain, the southern terminus.

-Broadcast on August 29:

A discussion on *The Exchange* with guest Monde Donaldson of the Better Business Bureau about using customer reviews of a product or company before making a purchase. She also discussed how to spot customer reviews that have been "planted."

-Broadcast on September 1:

A discussion with guest Theodore Pitsios, about his home country of Greece, his career as a Merchant Marine engineer, and the current supply chain slowdown that is affecting the economy.

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-Broadcast on September 19:

A discussion with guest Joseph Borg, director of the Alabama Securities Commission, about the techniques used by cyber hackers, and advice on how to protect electronics.

-Broadcast on September 20:

A discussion with guest playwright Martha Pichey about her play, *Ashes and Ink*, a story of how addiction affects family members.

-Broadcast on September 21:

A discussion with guest Jamie Reeves, the new conductor of the Montgomery Symphony, about the group's upcoming orchestral accompaniment of the movie, *Jurassic Park*, with the film score by composer John Williams.

-Broadcast on September 26:

A discussion with guest Monde Donaldson of the Better Business Bureau about hurricane and tornado season, with advice to homeowners dealing with repairs.

-Broadcast on September 27:

A discussion with guest Marty Irby, a Mobile native who received an award in 2020 from Queen Elizabeth for his efforts to protect race horses from abuse by soring their legs. He also discussed the issues of cockfighting and chronic wasting disease in deer, with concerns about avian influenza in fowl and humans, as well as CWD and human health. He is executive director of Animal Wellness Action in Washington, D.C.

-Broadcast on September 29:

A discussion with guest Joe Borg, who recently visited Finland and Sweden, both of whom joined NATO, and the Baltic countries that are receiving refugees from Russia's invasion of

Ukraine. He reported on how the refugees are being processed and aided.

## **B. Historical Issues**

-Broadcast on July 4:

A discussion on *The Exchange* with guest Judson Edwards, economist and dean of the Troy University Sorrell College of Business, about the decline of the textile industry in Alabama.

-Broadcast on July 5 and September 5 (Labor Day):

A two-part discussion with guest Jim Auchmutey, journalist and author of *Smoke Lore*, about the history of barbecue and its regional traditions.

-Broadcast on July 20:

A discussion with guest Martin Olliff, Troy University professor of history and director of the Wiregrass Archives on the Dothan campus, about his family's World War II story in south Alabama. Professor Olliff is the host of the podcast, *It Came from the Archives*.

-Broadcast on July 28:

A discussion with guest Mrs. Romay Davis, Congressional Gold Medal recipient, about her service in the Women's Army Corps "Six Triple Eight" Central Postal Directory Battalion of African American members in World War II.

-Broadcast on August 16:

A discussion with guest Martin Olliff, Troy University professor of history and director of the Wiregrass Archives on the Dothan campus, about the Weems family of African American landowners in early Columbia, Alabama. Olliff is host of the podcast, *It Came from the Archives*.

-Broadcast on August 17:

A discussion with guest T.J. English, journalist and author of the book, *The Corporation, An Epic Story of the Cuban American Underworld*, about the Mob's influence in Cuba prior to the Castro revolution.

-Broadcast on August 23:

A discussion with guest Jim Harris, creator of the musical, *We'll Meet Again*, about Opelika in World War II and the Germans who settled in the community. Opelika, Alabama, had a German POW camp during the war. The play, a musical, was inspired by a true story.

-Broadcast on August 26:

A discussion with guest Jeremy Gray, journalist and author of the book, *Wicked Women of Alabama*, about Virginia Hill, the Alabama girlfriend of mobster Bugsy Siegel.

-Broadcast on August 30:

An on-location discussion in Fort Payne, Alabama, with guest and author Jerry Ellis about his experiences walking the Cherokee Trail of Tears and the path of Sherman's Civil War March to the Sea in Georgia. A Pulitzer prize nominee, Ellis also talked about Native American ancestry.

-Broadcast on August 31:

A discussion with guest Gary Mullen, author and professor of entomology emeritus, about naturalist Philip Henry Gosse, an Englishman who spent a year in the Alabama Blackbelt in 1838 collecting insects and plants, while teaching in a local school.

-Broadcast on September 22:

A discussion with guest Alan Spears, senior director of cultural resources for the National Parks Conservation Association in Washington, D.C., about Alabama's five Civil Rights National Park Sites. National Public Lands Day is September 24.

Reruns:

September 6 – Guest author and naturalist Sy Montgomery discussed raising baby hummingbirds.

September 7 – Two Tuskegee University guest English professors discussed the impact of Alabama author Ralph Ellison's novel, *Invisible Man*, winner of the 1953 National Book Award.

September 8 – Florida historian Dale Cox, author of several books, was a guest who discussed the Talladega Flying Machine, which preceded the Wright Brothers' invention.

September 28 – Acclaimed Alabama author Rick Bragg was a guest who shared the story of how his adopted stray Australian Shepherd mix helped heal his family emotionally.