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TOPICS

PRESIDENTIAL POLITICS IN ALABAMA
INDUSTRIAL POLLUTION IN ALABAMA
ALABAMA MUSIC INDUSTRY
UNIVERSITY MARCHING BAND

October 19- The Mighty Marching Hornets: More than a Marching Band-The Magic City Classic is fast approaching, and the members of the football team are not the only ones practicing. This is the annual game between Alabama A&M and Alabama State University. Many fans will be more excited about the marching bands than the game itself. The Mighty Marching Hornets is the band for Alabama State. APR's Joe Moody explains their significance and what makes them more than a marching band.

(6:32) 7:44 am

October 26—Bad Chemistry—An APR news series. “Bluestone Coke in Birmingham. 2023 marks two decades since the Monsanto Chemical Company settled a lawsuit with residents of Anniston, Alabama. Twenty thousand townspeople blamed illnesses like cancer and birth defects on exposure to chemicals known as PCBs. Monsanto manufactured these products at its plant southeast of town. This isn’t the only example of industrial chemicals allegedly harming Alabama residents. Lynn Oldshue reports. (7:00) 7:45 am, 4:44 pm.

November 2—Bad Chemistry: An APR news series—Two communities and their shared issue with coal ash. It’s been two decades since the chemical company Monsanto settled a lawsuit with Anniston residents. People there said Monsanto exposed them to chemicals called PCBs which caused birth defects and cancer. But Monsanto is far from the only alleged instance of harmful chemicals in Alabama. Here’s a tale of two communities. One that’s trying to head off problems linked to chemical pollution, and another that says it’s been dealing with the issue for years. Cori Yonge reports. 7:22—7:44, 4:44

November 9 – We worked with the Rolling Stones, Bob Seger, and Linda Ronstadt. The Muscle Shoals region of Alabama is synonymous with music. Artists ranging from Aretha Franklin, Wilson Pickett, Paul Simon, and the Rolling Stones have traveled to the Shoals to create music. APR’s Joe Moody has reported extensively on Fame Studio, but they’re not the only guys in town. There’s also the Muscle Shoals Sound Studio. Lynn Oldshue reports. (7:03) 7:44 am, 4:45 pm

November 17—“Bad Chemistry” – An APR news special. It’s been two decades since the chemical company Monsanto settled a lawsuit with Anniston residents. People there said Monsanto exposed them to chemicals called PCBs which caused birth defects and cancer. But Monsanto is far from the only alleged instance of industrial chemicals harming Alabama neighborhoods. The APR News team presents this documentary we call, "Bad Chemistry."
29:00 (7 pm)

December 3—Alabama gears up to host fourth Republican presidential primary debate. Alabama will host the fourth GOP presidential primary debate. Republicans hope the event, held at the University of Alabama, will ignite an interest in politics in potential young voters. Pat Duggins reports. (2:30) Aired nationally on NPR'S Weekend Edition Sunday

December 4—Tuscaloosa hears up to host the GOP Presidential Primary Debate. Residents of Tuscaloosa probably had one of two things on their minds over the weekend. First, there was the Alabama Crimson Tide's college football win over the Georgia Bulldogs in Atlanta. Then, there's another matchup this coming Wednesday. That's when Republican Presidential candidates will converge on the University of Alabama for the fourth debate of the primary. Pat Duggins reports. 3:30 6:44 am, 8:44 am, 3:44 pm

December 5—Alabama anticipates its moment in the spotlight as it prepares to host GOP debate. Alabama GOP leaders hope Wednesday's Republican presidential debate gives viewers a broader image of their state beyond the recent headlines about Sen. Tuberville's hold on some military nominations. Pat Duggins reports 3:37 (aired nationally on NPR's All Things Considered.)