

BEASLEY MEDIA GROUP, LLC
ISSUES AND PROGRAMS REPORT

FOR

STATION WGAC-AM

4TH QUARTER, 2023
(October 1 through December 31)

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**ISSUES OF CONCERN TO STATION WGAC-AM
ADDRESSED IN RESPONSIVE PROGRAMMING IN THE
4TH QUARTER, 2023**

1. Economic Issues: **Lowman Henry** talks with **E J Antoni** from the Heritage Foundation about how inflation is stressing the American consumer
2. Health Issues: **Eric Boehm** of *Reason* magazine looks into wasteful and unnecessary COVID pandemic spending
3. Political Issues: **Scott Parkinson** from the Club for Growth has the *Real Story* on key congressional races in 2024
4. Government Issues: **Lowman Henry** talks with **Keith Naughton** of Silent Majority Strategies about the political landscape as the 2024 election cycle gets underway
5. Cultural Issues: **Lowman Henry** talks with Steven Simon from the Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft about the impact of the terrorist attacks on Israel
6. Tax Issues: **Jonathan Williams** from the American Legislative Exchange Council has an American Radio Journal commentary on Colorado's Taxpayers' Bill of Rights surviving yet another attempt to destroy it
7. Education Issues: Dr. Forrest Mahan, President of Aiken Technical College, discusses the economic, educational, and academic programs of the institution and the impact that it has on present and future job development.
8. Environmental Issues: **Lowman Henry** talks with **Jason Isaac** of the American Energy Institute about securing America's energy future
9. Transportation Issues: **Lowman Henry** talks with Daren Bakst of the Competitive Enterprise Institute about the Biden Administration's five-year plan to slash American off-shore oil and natural gas production
10. Technology Issues: Dr. Jorge Cortes, Director of Georgia Cancer Center at Augusta University, discusses research funding and the current medical and technology advancements in the field.

**REGULARLY SCHEDULED
PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMS**

**WGAC-AM PROGRAMS THAT
ADDRESS COMMUNITY ISSUES**

1. P.S.As: (Monday – Sunday, various times) Public Service Announcements of local and national concerns
2. Community Spotlight (Sundays 8am-8:30am) A locally produced public affairs program which covers issues of state and local importance
3. American Radio Journal (Sundays 8:30am-9am) A nationally syndicated public affairs program which covers issues of national importance

QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAMS REPORT

4th Quarter 2023
(October 1-December 31)

MOST SIGNIFICANT ISSUE-RESPONSIVE PROGRAMMING

Community Spotlight (10-1-2023) (8:00am-8:30am)
(30 minutes of a 30 minute show)

Host: Gale Mino

Guest: Dr. Forrest Mahan, President of Aiken Technical College, discusses the economic, educational, and academic programs of the institution and the impact that it has on present and future job development.

Community Spotlight (10-8-2023) (8:00am-8:30am)
(30 minutes of a 30 minute show)

Host: Gale Mino

Guest: Dr. Forrest Mahan, President of Aiken Technical College, discusses the economic, educational, and academic programs of the institution and the impact that it has on present and future job development.

Community Spotlight (10-15-2023) (8:00am-8:30am)
(30 minutes of a 30 minute show)

Host: Gale Mino

Guest: Dr. Jermaine Whirl, Director at Aiken Technical College, discusses the economic and educational programs of the institution and the projected goal of future workforce development.

Community Spotlight (10-22-2023) (8:00am-8:30am)
(30 minutes of a 30 minute show)

Host: Gale Mino

Guest: Laurie Ott, President of Piedmont Augusta Foundation, discusses Breast Cancer awareness and prevention.

Community Spotlight (10-29-2023) (8:00am-8:30am)
(30 minutes of a 30 minute show)

Host: Gale Mino

Guest: Laurie Ott, President of Piedmont Augusta Foundation, discusses Breast Cancer prevention and current research and funding.

Community Spotlight (11-05-2023) (8:00am-8:30am)
(30 minutes of a 30 minute show)

Host: Gale Mino

Guest: Rabbi David Surill, Addas Yeshurun Synagogue, discusses faith and religion and current racial and cultural issues.

Community Spotlight (11-12-2023) (8:00am-8:30am)
(30 minutes of a 30 minute show)

Host: Gale Mino

Guest: Brad Usry, Augusta Coliseum Authority, discusses the proposed new arena and the interest and entertainment that it would bring to the area.

Community Spotlight (11-19-2023) (8:00am-8:30am)
(30 minutes of a 30 minute show)

Host: Gale Mino

Guest: Brad Usry, Augusta Coliseum Authority, discusses the proposed new arena and the economic development and jobs opportunities that it would bring to the area.

Community Spotlight (11-26-2023) (8:00am-8:30am)
(30 minutes of a 30 minute show)

Host: Gale Mino

Guest: Phil Wahl, President of Security Federal Bank, discusses historical preservation and re-development of downtown Augusta.

Community Spotlight (12-03-2023) (8:00am-8:30am)
(30 minutes of a 30 minute show)

Host: Gale Mino

Guest: Phil Wahl, President of Security Federal Bank, discusses historical preservation and re-development of downtown Augusta.

Community Spotlight (12-10-2023) (8:00am-8:30am)
(30 minutes of a 30 minute show)

Host: Gale Mino

Guest: Dr. Jermaine Whirl, Director at Aiken Technical College, discusses the economic and educational programs of the institution and the projected goal of future workforce development

Community Spotlight (12-17-2023) (8:00am-8:30am)
(30 minutes of a 30 minute show)

Host: Gale Mino

Guest: Bennish Brown, President of Destination Augusta, and Michelle Pippin, President of Augusta Sports Council, discuss the local business climate and how they're adding to the local business climate and economic development.

Community Spotlight (12-24-2023) (8:00am-8:30am)
(30 minutes of a 30 minute show)

Host: Gale Mino

Guest: Grace Rolfe, Recent Graduate of Augusta University, discusses her educational experience at the University, the academic curriculum, and the cultural environment.

Community Spotlight (12-31-2023) (8:00am-8:30am)
(30 minutes of a 30 minute show)

Host: Gale Mino

Guest: Dr. Jorge Cortes, Director of Georgia Cancer Center at Augusta University, discusses research funding and the current medical and technology advancements in the field.

American Radio Journal (Saturdays 8:30am-9am) A nationally syndicated public affairs program which covers issues of national importance.

Air Date: October 1, 2023

(September 30, 2023 - October 6, 2023)

This week on American Radio Journal: Lowman Henry talks with Merrill Matthews from the Institute for Policy Innovation about the unreliability of alternative fuels; Scott Parkinson from the Club for Growth has the Real Story on how the candidates performed in the second Republican Presidential debate; Eric Boehm of Reason magazine discusses President Joe Biden and the decline of unionized manufacturing; And, Jonathan Williams from the American Legislative Exchange Council details how ideologically-based investing is harming public employee pension funds.

Air Date: October 8, 2023

(October 7, 2023 - October 13, 2023)

This week on American Radio Journal: Lowman Henry talks with Daren Bakst of the Competitive Enterprise Institute about the Biden Administration's five-year plan to slash American off-shore oil and natural gas production; Scott Parkinson from the Club for Growth has the Real Story on what comes next after the ouster of House Speaker Kevin McCarthy; Eric Boehm of Reason magazine reports on how decades of low rate borrowing is now driving up the federal deficit; And, Colin Hanna of Let Freedom Ring, USA has an American Radio Journal commentary on the Biden Administration's irresponsible energy policies.

Air Date: October 15, 2023

(October 14, 2023 - October 20, 2023)

This week on American Radio Journal: Lowman Henry talks with Steven Simon from the Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft about the impact of the terrorist attacks on Israel; Scott Parkinson has the Real Story on the week's political developments; Eric Boehm from Reason magazine talks with Veronique DeRugy of the Mercatus Center at George Mason University about the impact of the federal budget deficit; And, Dr. Paul Kengor from the Institute for Faith & Freedom at Grove City College has an American Radio Journal commentary on the rising popularity of women's collegiate volleyball.

Air Date: October 22, 2023

(October 21, 2023 - October 28, 2023)

This week on *American Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** talks with **E J Antoni** from the Heritage Foundation about how inflation is stressing the American consumer; **Scott Parkinson** from the Club for Growth has the *Real Story* on congressional dysfunction; **Eric Boehm** of *Reason* magazine looks into wasteful and unnecessary COVID pandemic spending; And **Jonathan Williams** from the American Legislative Exchange Council has an *American Radio Journal* commentary on states being fiscally responsible.

Air Date: October 29, 2023

(October 29, 2023 - November 3, 2023)

This week on *American Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** talks with **Lora Ries** of the Heritage Foundation about America's immigration crisis; **Scott Parkinson** has the *Real Story* on the new Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; **Eric Boehm** of *Reason* magazine learns how federal spending is driving inflation from **Veronique DeRugy** of the Mercatus Center at George Mason University; And, **Colin Hanna** from Let Freedom Ring USA has

an *American Radio Journal* commentary on why Israel's right to self defense is not the more equivalent of Hamas terrorism.

Air Date: November 5, 2023

(November 4, 2023 - November 10, 2023)

This week on *American Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** talks with **Jason Isaac** of the American Energy Institute about securing America's energy future; **Scott Parkinson** from the Club for Growth has the *Real Story* on Speaker Mike Johnson's first week in office; **Eric Boehm** of *Reason* magazine discusses saving Social Security with **Patrick Hedger** of the Taxpayer Protection Alliance; And, Dr. **Paul Kengor** from the Institute for Faith & Freedom at Grove City College has an *American Radio Journal* commentary on the tragic impact of Hamas governing Gaza.

Air Date: November 12, 2023

(November 11, 2023 - November 17, 2023)

This week on *American Radio Journal*: **Ken Cuccinelli** from the Election Transparency Initiative discusses the Biden Administration's tinker with voter registration; **Scott Parkinson** from the Club for Growth has the *Real Story* on election results in Virginia, Kentucky and Mississippi; **Eric Boehm** of *Reason* magazine reports on the outcome of ballot measures in Maine and Colorado; And, **Jonathan Williams** from the American Legislative Exchange Council has an *American Radio Journal* commentary on Colorado's Taxpayers' Bill of Rights surviving yet another attempt to destroy it.

Air Date: November 19, 2023

(November 18, 2023 - November 24, 2023)

This week on *American Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** discusses the war between Israel and Hamas with **Matt Brooks** of the Republican Jewish Coalition; **Scott Parkinson** from the Club for Growth has the *Real Story* on the latest federal budget continuing resolution; **Eric Boehm** of *Reason* magazine talks with **Andrew Wolford** of the National Taxpayers Foundation about Americans fleeing high tax states for low tax states; And, *Colin Hanna* of Let Freedom Ring has an *American Radio Journal* commentary on Nikki Haley and the race for the Republican Presidential nomination.

Air Date: November 26, 2023

(November 25, 2023 - December 1, 2023)

This week on *American Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** talks with **Keith Naughton** of Silent Majority Strategies about the political landscape as the 2024 election cycle gets underway; **Scott Parkinson** from the Club for Growth has the *Real Story* on key congressional races in 2024; **Eric Boehm** of *Reason* magazine gets details on changes to federal regulations governing franchise operators from **Jarrett Dieterle** of the R Street Institute; And, Dr. **Paul Kengor** from the Institute for Faith & Freedom at Grove City College has an *American Radio Journal* commentary on RFK, Jr. being refused Secret Service protection.

Air Date: December 3, 2023

(December 2, 2023 - December 8, 2023)

This week on *American Radio Journal*: **Wayne Crews** from the Competitive Enterprise Institute reports on *Ten Thousand Commandments: An Annual Snapshot of the Federal*

Regulatory State; **Scott Parkinson** from the Club for Growth has the *Real Story* on Virginia becoming a battleground state; **Eric Boehm** of *Reason* magazine looks for lessons from the recent Argentinian Presidential election; And, **Jonathan Williams** from the American Legislative Exchange Council has an *American Radio Journal* commentary on why people are flocking to Florida.

Air Date: December 10, 2023

(December 9, 2023 - December 15, 2023)

This week on *American Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** talks with **Henri Schneider** of the Competitive Enterprise Institute about the pageantry and posturing at the COP28 climate summit; **Scott Parkinson** from the Club for Growth has the *Real Story* on the impact of Kevin McCarthy's resignation from congress; **Eric Boehm** of *Reason* magazine talks about more COVID-19 relief fraud; And, **Colin Hanna** from Let Freedom Ring, USA has an *American Radio Journal* commentary on the lesson learned from Pearl Harbor.

Air Date: December 17, 2023

(December 16, 2023 - December 22, 2023)

This week on *American Radio Journal*: **Mike Gonzalez** from the Heritage Foundation provides analysis of a congressional hearing during which three university presidents failed to condemn hate speech against the Jewish people; **Scott Parkinson** from the Club for Growth has the *Real Story* on a new leader for the House Freedom Caucus; **Eric Boehm** of *Reason* magazine discusses the drawbacks of administrative courts with **Stone Washington** of the Competitive Enterprise Institute; And, Dr. **Paul Kengor** from the Institute for Faith & Freedom at Grove City College has an *American Radio Journal* commentary on why *It's a Wonderful Life* is the best film of all time.

Air Date: December 24, 2023

(December 23, 2023 - December 29, 2023)

This week on *American Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** talks with **Greg Wrightstone** of the CO2 Coalition about his new book: *A Very Convenient Warming: How Modest Warming and More CO2 Are Benefitting Humanity*; **Scott Parkinson** from the Club for Growth has the *Real Story* on a Colorado Supreme Court ruling tossing Donald Trump from the Republican primary ballot; **Eric Boehm** of *Reason* magazine talks with **Steven Greenhut** of the R Street Institute about California's huge budget deficit; And, **Jonathan Williams** from the American Legislative Exchange Council has an *American Radio Journal* commentary on big policy wins at the state level in 2023.

Air Date: December 31, 2023

(December 30, 2023 - January 5, 2024)

This week on *American Radio Journal*: Dr. **Paul Kengor** the new Editor-In-Chief of the *American Spectator* talks about the history and impact of the venerable publication; **Scott Parkinson** from the Club for Growth has the *Real Story* on key 2024 U.S. Senate races; **Eric Boehm** and **Stephanie Slade** of *Reason* magazine report on the colorful & Libertarian history of Key West; And, **Colin Hanna** of Let Freedom Ring USA has an *American Radio Journal* commentary on the 2024 Presidential Election.