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AMERICAN HISTORY/BIOGRAPHY

Series Title: Country Music
Episode Title: The Rub (Beginnings - 1933)
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 1/3/2020 8:30:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:53:34

After centuries of percolating in the American South, what was first called "hillbilly music" begins reaching more people through the new technologies of phonographs and radio. The Carter Family, with their ballads and old hymns, and Jimmie Rodgers, with his combination of blues and yodeling, became its first big stars. Rodgers' career ends when he dies young from tuberculosis.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Science Pioneers
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/5/2020 12:00:00 AM
Service: PBS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. traces the family trees of Francis Collins, Shirley Ann Jackson, and Harold E. Varmus – three pioneering scientists who've made dramatic contributions to our understanding of the world, all the while knowing little about their own ancestry.

Series Title: Polio Crusade: American Experience; The
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/31/2020 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

AMERICAN EXPERIENCE presents "The Polio Crusade," a one-hour documentary from filmmaker Sarah Colt ("Geronimo," "RFK") that interweaves the personal accounts of polio survivors with the story of an ardent crusader who tirelessly fought on their behalf while scientists raced to eradicate this dreaded disease. Based in part on the Pulitzer Prize-winning book, "Polio: An American Story" by David Oshinsky, "The Polio Crusade" features interviews with historians, scientists, polio survivors, and the only surviving scientist from the core research team that developed the Salk vaccine, Julius Youngner.

CULTURE

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Homecomings
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/7/2020 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. helps actor Sterling K. Brown, comedian Sasheer Zamata and musician Jon Batiste discover the unexpected places their ancestors called home, providing new insight into the people and places that made them who they are today.

Series Title: Country Music
Episode Title: Will the Circle Be Unbroken? (1968 - 1972)
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 2/7/2020 8:30:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:53:34

With the Vietnam War intensifying, America is more divided than ever. Country music is not immune to the divisions. Kris Kristofferson, a former Rhodes Scholar and Army captain, becomes a writer whose lyricism sets a new standard for country songs. Bob Dylan, the Byrds, and other non-country artists find Nashville a creative place to record. And a hippie band from California, the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, comes to town to create a landmark album that bridges the gap between generations.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/2/2020 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:06:14

Shane Bauer, author of our February pick for the NewsHour-New York Times book club, Now Read This, joins Amna Nawaz to answer reader questions on "American Prison," and Amna announces the March book selection.

ENVIRONMENT/NATURE/NATURAL DISASTERS

Series Title: Nature
Episode Title: Animal Reunions
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/1/2020 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Feel the emotion as keepers and carers reunite with the wild animals that were once in their care to learn whether the close interspecies bonds that developed over many years in refuges and orphanages have stood the test of time.

Series Title: Expedition with Steve Backshall
Episode Title: Suriname - Lost World
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/26/2020 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Travel to the Guiana Shield with Steve Backshall, whose mission is to discover its abundance of wildlife and natural wonders. He travels deep into the untouched jungle, finding animals that have never encountered humans.

Series Title: Nature
Episode Title: Yosemite
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/18/2020 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 01:00:00

Yosemite is a land forged in wildfire and sculpted by water, but with climate change, water is scarcer and fire more common. Join scientists and adventurers to investigate how these global changes are affecting one of America's greatest wildernesses.

Arts

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/21/2020 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:04:52

The Polaroid camera bypassed the entire process of film development, thus providing photographers an immediate look at their work. Released for sale in 1948, the first version was an "instant" hit. Now, the museum at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology is showcasing the intersection of technology and art. Special correspondent Jared Bowen of WGBH reports.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/3/2020 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:06:58

The work of women artists makes up only 3 to 5 percent of major museums' permanent collections in the U.S. and Europe. Many of these artists struggle financially -- but Susan Unterberg is trying to change that. For decades, the artist has supported her female peers as an anonymous benefactor. Jeffrey Brown sits down with Unterberg to discuss why she decided to put a name on her philanthropy.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/23/2020 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:05:34

As Americans stay home to try to reduce the spread of the novel coronavirus, we wanted to provide suggestions for how to fill that time. Author Ann Patchett joins Jeffrey Brown to offer book recommendations for this strange time, including "War and Peace," "Here for It" and "The Night Watchman."

Health/Health Care

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/15/2020 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:08:36

An outbreak of the deadly Ebola virus has plagued Democratic Republic of Congo for nearly a year and a half, with more than 3,000 people getting sick and 2,000 dead. Major medical advances in prevention and treatment have kept the disease's toll from rising, but ongoing war -- and attacks on medical teams -- have forced the response to a standstill. Special correspondent Monica Villamizar reports.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/4/2020 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:06:30

The spread of novel coronavirus in China has focused great attention on public health in that country and around the world. But the outbreak is also having a major economic impact, with quarantines imposed, flights suspended and factories shuttered. William Brangham reports and talks to The Washington Post's David Lynch about the outbreak's implications for the global supply chain and more.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/5/2020 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:11:05

Restrictions intended to control the global outbreak of novel coronavirus continue to increase. In many countries, schools are closed, travelers face quarantine and business has ground to a halt. William Brangham reports and Judy Woodruff talks to Kristalina Georgieva, managing director of the International Monetary Fund, about how it is attempting to offset the economic implications of the virus.

Minorities/Civil Rights

Series Title: Frontline | America's Great Divide: Obama to Trump
Episode Title: Part 1
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 1/13/2020 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:53:24

This episode traces how Barack Obama's promise of unity collapsed as increasing racial, cultural and political divisions laid the groundwork for the rise of Donald Trump.

Category: Minorities/Civil Rights
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Series Title: Independent Lens
Episode Title: Always in Season
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 2/24/2020 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

ALWAYS IN SEASON explores the lingering impact of more than a century of lynching African Americans and connects this form of historic racial terrorism to racial violence today. The film centers on the case of Lennon Lacy, an African American teen who was found hanging from a swing set in Bladenboro, North Carolina, on August 29, 2014. Despite inconsistencies in the case, local officials quickly ruled Lennon's death a suicide, but his mother, Claudia, believes Lennon was lynched. Claudia moves from paralyzing grief to leading the fight for justice for her son. As the film unfolds, Lennon's case, and the suspicions surrounding it, intersect with stories of other communities seeking justice and reconciliation. A few hundred miles away in Monroe, Georgia, a diverse group of reenactors, including the adult daughter of a former Ku Klux Klan leader, annually dramatize a 1946 quadruple lynching to ensure the victims are never forgotten and encourage the community to come forward with information that might bring the perpetrators to justice. As the terrorism of the past bleeds into the present, the film asks: what will it take for Americans to begin building a national movement for racial justice and reconciliation?

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/19/2020 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:07:39

The 2018 film "Roma," set in Mexico, won myriad awards and acclaim. But it also sparked a national debate about racial and social inequities. Now, its star, Yalitza Aparicio, has carved out a new offscreen role as an advocate for change, championing rights for indigenous people and Mexico's domestic workers. Jeffrey Brown reports from Mexico City.

Science/Technology

Series Title: NOVA | The Planets
Episode Title: Inner Worlds
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/8/2020 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

The rocky planets – Mercury, Venus, Earth and Mars – were born of similar material around the same time, yet only one supports life. Were Earth's neighbors always so extreme? Is there somewhere else in the solar system where life might flourish?

Series Title: PBS NewsHour Weekend
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 2/1/2020 5:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:26:48

On this edition for Saturday, February 1, the Senate impeachment trial winds down after Republicans vote to exclude new evidence, Brexit is official as Britain charts a new course amid divisions in the country, and our "Future of Food series" looks at how Jordan is using technology and innovation to help refugees facing food shortages. Hari Sreenivasan anchors from New York.

Series Title: Niall Ferguson's Networld
Episode Title: Winner Takes All
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/17/2020 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Looking at lessons from the past, Niall Ferguson tells the story of how a decentralized worldwide web shifted to become a highly profitable network controlled by a tiny elite selling our attention for billions to the world's advertisers.

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Capitol Journal

1/3/20, 7:30p, 1 hour Issues discussed: Government, crime, economic, health

Sen. Clyde Chambliss of Prattville joined us to discuss prison reform being a legislative priority in the new year. He also talked about a bill he was preparing that would propose removing the state sales tax on groceries. Guest analyst and former state Representative Paul DeMarco of Homewood was with us to look back at the top legislative stories of 2019 and look ahead to the upcoming new session for lawmakers. And State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris joined us to discuss his voting 'no' on a proposed medical marijuana bill that was recently approved by a study group on which Harris had served.

1/10/20, 7:30p, 1 hour Issues discussed: Government, military, crime, education, economic

We had Alabama lawmaker response to Iran's attacking US troops in Iraq this week. We were joined by Alabama Veterans Affairs Commissioner Kent Davis, who discussed services available to military families during the uncertain times. We were also joined by Alabama Corrections Commissioner Jefferson Dunn, who discussed growing violence problems behind bars and prison reform. And Rep. Barbara Drummond of Mobile was with us to talk about that week's House education budget hearings, the turmoil in the state Democratic party and a bill she hoped to bring to raise the minimum age to buy tobacco products in Alabama to 21.

1/17/20, 7:30p, 1 hour Issues discussed: Government, crime, economic, education

We had Alabama lawmaker reaction to articles of impeachment against the president being sent to the US Senate for trial. We were joined by Sen. Cam Ward of Alabaster, who discussed the governor's prison study group wrapping up its work on prison reform. We were also joined by House Minority Leader Anthony Daniels of Huntsville, who said he found a Poarch Creek Indian proposal to expand gaming in the state 'appealing.' And Sen. Gerald Allen of Tuscaloosa was with us to discuss his bills to both require the playing of the national anthem in schools and to repeal the permit requirement for conceal carrying a handgun in the state.

1/24/20, 7:30p, 1 hour Issues discussed:

We reported on Attorney General Steve Marshall calling on the US Senate to reject the articles of impeachment against President Trump. We were joined by Senate Minority Leader Bobby Singleton of Greensboro, who discussed prison reform and a proposed expansion of gaming in the state. Rep. Mike Holmes of Wetumpka was also with us to talk about prison reform and his 'fair tax' bill. And Rep. Brett Easterbrook of Fruitdale joined us to discuss what he called a serious lack of infrastructure spending in his southwest Alabama district.

1/31/20, 7:30p, 1 hour Issues discussed: Government, crime, health, economic, education

We reported on the presidential impeachment trial winding down in Washington. We also reported on the decommissioning of Holman Prison in Atmore. We were joined by House Speaker Mac McCutcheon of Monrovia, who previewed the following week's start of the new legislative session. We were also joined by House Majority Leader Nathaniel Ledbetter of Rainsville, who talked about leading a legislative effort for Gov. Kay Ivey to expand mental health services in the state. And Rep. Steve Clouse of Ozark joined us to discuss a new lottery bill he would carry this year that would benefit education.

2/3/20, 10:30p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Government, crime, economic

We reported on final preparations for the new legislative session, including a preview of Governor Kay Ivey's State of the State address, which she was set to deliver the following evening. And we were joined by Secretary of State John Merrill, who discussed legislative priorities, prison reform, election security, a new US trade deal with Mexico and Canada and the impeachment trial of President Donald Trump.

2/4/20, 6p, 90 minutes Issues discussed: Government, economic, education, health

We had a special LIVE broadcast of Governor Kay Ivey's State of the State address. We began with pre-speech analysis from former state Representative Jeff McLaughlin of Guntersville and Auburn University at Montgomery political science professor Dr. David Hughes. The governor's address followed in its entirety. We wrapped up with post-speech analysis and the official Democratic response from House Minority Leader Anthony Daniels of Huntsville.

2/5/20, 10:30p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Government, education, crime

We reported on US Senator Doug Jones voting to remove President Donald Trump from office. We also reported on Senate President Pro Tem Del Marsh saying he would soon announce a package of education reform bills. We reported on a Senate committee carrying over a bill that would take away the right to bail for some of the most serious crimes. And former Alabama Supreme Court Justice Champ Lyons joined us to discuss the prison study group he chaired for the governor and its reform recommendations.

2/6/20, 10:30p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Government, health, economic, education

We reported on Gov. Kay Ivey today successfully undergoing a procedure on her fractured shoulder. We also reported on the sponsor of a pending lottery bill saying he does not think it needed to be considered by a working study group that the governor had proposed. We were joined by Dr. Joe Morton with the Business Education Alliance of Alabama, who discussed a widening workforce development gap. And Tennessee Valley Authority CEO Jeff Lyash was also with us to discuss legislative priorities and broadband expansion.

2/7/20, 7:30p, 1 hour Issues discussed: Government, economic, education, health, crime

We had a complete wrap-up of the first week of the new legislative session. We were joined by Governor Kay Ivey, who discussed her legislative priorities and her injured shoulder. We were also joined by Senate President Pro Tem Del Marsh of Anniston, who discussed his emphasis being on education reform this year, and his plans to introduce several policy-related bills.

2/10/20, 10:30p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Government, crime, health, youth, education, economic

We reported on the legislative week ahead, including possible floor action on bills involving adding law enforcement to the state's hate crimes law, banning smoking in vehicles if children are inside, and requiring the playing of the national anthem at least once a week in state schools. And we were joined by Sen. Andrew Jones of Centre, who discussed his legislation that proposed repealing the state's sales tax on groceries. Jones will also talk about his bill that would do away with the office of State Auditor.

2/11/20, 10:30p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Government, economic, health, youth, education

We reported on the House debating a bill that would require the legislature to have a vote on local occupational tax initiatives. It came as the city of Montgomery discussed such a tax. We also reported on former Chief Justice Roy Moore moving his infamous Ten Commandments Monument to his downtown Montgomery offices, just blocks from where it used to sit in the state Supreme Court building. We were joined by Rep. Rolanda Hollis of Birmingham, who discussed her bill that would ban smoking in vehicles if children are inside. We were also joined by Sherry Tucker, the President of the Alabama Education Association, who talked about a proposed teacher pay raise and how discipline problems in some state classrooms might be a part of some of our larger education problems.

2/12/20, 10:30p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Government, crime, economic

We reported on Attorney General Steve Marshall railing against the rising tide of violence against Alabama law enforcement officers. We also reported on a bill to add law enforcement to the state's hate crimes law stalling in a Senate committee. And we reported on a new payday loan reform bill failing in another Senate committee. Also: Rep. Andrew Sorrell of Muscle Shoals joined us to discuss his 'constitutional carry' legislation that would do away with the permit requirement to conceal carry a pistol in the state, without eliminating the permit process.

2/13/20, 10:30p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Government, crime, education, health

We reported on the House approving a bill that would add law enforcement officials to the state's hate crimes law. We also reported on legislation that would restrict transgender students from competing in high school sports stalling in a House committee. And we were joined by Senate Majority Leader Greg Reed of Jasper, who discussed rural healthcare expansion being a priority for him in the new legislative session.

2/14/20, 7:30p, 1 hour Issues discussed: Government, education, crime

We had complete wrap-up of the legislative week. We were joined by Rep. Steve Hurst of Munford, who discussed his closely-watched draft bill that would extend school summer breaks. We were also joined by Sen. Dan Roberts of Mountain Brook and Rep. Danny Garrett of Trussville, who talked about their resolution that would declare pornography a public health crisis in the state.

2/17/20, 10:30p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Government, health, crime

We were joined by Alabama Mental Health Commissioner Lynn Beshear, who talked with us about an emphasis being placed on mental healthcare expansion during the new legislative session. Beshear also discussed a proposal to build new regional mental health crisis centers in the state. We were also joined by Sonny Brasfield, the Executive Director of the Association of County Commissions of Alabama. He talked about the group's support of legislation designed to help the state make better use of county jail space, when it is needed.

2/18/20, 10:30p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Government, health, youth, economic, crime

We reported on the House approving a bill that would ban smoking and vaping in vehicles if a child is inside. We also reported on Senate committee approval of a bill that would give the legislature a vote on local occupational tax initiatives. We reported on the introduction of a bill that would eliminate a step in the death penalty appeals process. And Rep. Andy Whitt of Huntsville joined us to discuss draft legislation that would require that indicted public officials not be paid while their cases are pending.

2/19/20, 10:30p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Government, health, crime, economic

We reported on a Senate committee approving a new medical marijuana bill. We also reported on House committee approval of a bail reform bill called 'Aniah's Law.' And we were joined by Rep. Pebblin Warren of Tuskegee, who discussed her new bingo bill, a proposed lottery and the governor's study group on gambling policy.

2/20/20, 10:30p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Government, health, youth, education

We reported on a judge saying that he was inclined to deny a motion to dismiss a lawsuit over leadership of the state Democratic party. We also reported on the House approving a bill that would allow state landfills to use temporary daily coverings other than soil. And we were joined by Rep. Ginny Shaver of Leesburg, who discussed her new "Born Alive" legislation, that would require doctors to take every measure to save a baby's life if it is born alive during an abortion. Shaver also talked about her bill to clarify that it is illegal for state teachers to electronically solicit obscene material from a student.

2/21/20, 7:30p, 1 hour Issues discussed: Government, health, crime

We had a complete wrap-up of the week's legislative action. We were joined by Sen. Tim Melson of Florence, who discussed his new medical marijuana bill clearing its first legislative hurdle. We were also joined by Rep. Mike Ball of Madison, who talked about sending his new ethics reform bill to a subcommittee for more work.

2/24/20, 10:30p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Government, health, economic, crime

We reported on the successful effort to stop American cruise ship passengers infected with the coronavirus from being temporarily quarantined at a federal facility in Anniston. We also reported on the upcoming legislative week, including possible Senate action on a bill that would give the legislature a vote on local occupational tax initiatives. And Rep. Lynn Greer of Rogersville was with us to discuss his new church security bill, which was set for committee action that week.

2/25/20, 10:30p, 30 minutes Issue discussed: Government, crime, health

We reported on a Senate committee ok'ing a plan to amend the Memorial Preservation Act by increasing penalties and giving cities the opportunity to request waivers. We also reported on the same committee narrowly approving a bill that proposed doing away with the office of State Auditor. And we were joined by Rep. Randy Wood of Anniston, who discussed the successful effort to keep quarantined coronavirus victims from being housed at a federal facility in Anniston.

2/26/20, 10:30p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Government, health, education

We reported on House and Senate committees approving legislation that would block transgender medical treatments for minors; we also reported on House and Senate leadership announcing a major initiative to expand and improve mental health services in the state. And we were joined by Gordon Stone, Executive Director of the Higher Education Partnership of Alabama. He discussed plans for Higher Ed Day at the Capitol the following day.

2/27/20, 10:30p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Government, crime, education

We reported on a judge dismissing a lawsuit over leadership of the state Democratic party. We also reported on the House passing Aniah's Law, which would give judges more discretion in denying bail to suspects accused of violent felonies. And we were joined by State Auditor Jim Zeigler and his wife, state school board member Jackie Zeigler. They discussed the proposed constitutional amendment that would move the state from an elected to an appointed school board. They also talked about the legislative bill that would abolish the office of State Auditor.

2/28/20, 7:30p, 1 hour Issues discussed: Government, crime

We were joined by Rep. Chip Brown of Mobile, who discussed House passage of Aniah's Law, his bill which would grant judges more discretion in denying bail to those accused of violent felonies. It is named after murder victim Aniah Blanchard. Her mother, Angela Harris, also joined us. We also talked with Sen. Cam Ward of Alabaster about committee approval of his bill that would shorten the death penalty appeals process. And we previewed some of the high-profile races on the upcoming Tuesday primary election ballots with Dr. Natalie Davis, political science professor emerita at Birmingham Southern College.

3/2/20, 10:30p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Government, health, crime

We reported on last minute primary election preparations. We also reported on state officials warning Alabamians to be prepared, but not to panic, over the coronavirus. The officials said there currently no virus cases in the state. And we were joined by Montgomery County Sheriff Derrick Cunningham, the president of the Alabama Sheriffs Association. He discussed the group's helping craft a bill that would create a new warning system database, to help guard against law enforcement officers being killed in the line of duty. Cunningham also talked about the association's concerns over constitutional carry bills in the new legislative session.

3/3/20, 10:30p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Government, economic, education, health

We had a primary election overview; we reported on Gov. Ivey signing a controversial occupational tax bill into law; and we were joined by Rep. Rodney Sullivan of Northport, who discussed Amendment One, which proposed moving the state to an appointed school board, and he talked about the imminent closure of the only hospital in Pickens County.

3/4/20, 10:30p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Government, health, crime, health, education

We looked ahead to the runoffs that were necessitated by the week's primary elections with guest analyst Paul DeMarco, the former state representative from Homewood. We were also joined by State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris, who had just briefed legislative leaders on Alabama's preparations for the coronavirus. We reported on House committee passage of a new church security bill. And we reported on another committee ok'ing legislation that would place mental health coordinators in every school system around the state.

3/5/20, 10:30p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Government, health, crime, education

We reported on the Senate passing a bill to ban certain transgender medical treatments for minors. We also reported on the first meeting of the governor's Study Group on Gambling Policy. We were joined by Rep. Tracy Estes of Winfield, who discussed his legislation that would create a terrorism registry in the state. We were joined by three of the legendary Tuskegee Airmen who were honored that day at the Statehouse: LTC. (Retired) George Hardy, James Harvey and Ted Lumpkin.

3/6/20, 7:30p, 1 hour Issues discussed: Government, health, crime

We reported on a new Alabama coronavirus preparedness task force; we also reported on the execution of Nathaniel Woods for a police murder; and we reported on the week's primary election results. We were joined by Jeff Coleman of Dothan, who was headed into a GOP runoff for the 2nd district congressional seat. We were also joined by Rep. Poncey Robertson of Mt. Hope, who discussed his bill to set up a statewide concealed carry permit management system.

3/9/20, 10:30p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Government, health, crime, education

We reported on the legislative week ahead, including expected Senate action on a new bill that would legalize medical marijuana in the state. We were joined by Bryan Taylor, a political and governmental affairs attorney, former chief legal adviser to Gov. Kay Ivey and former state senator. Taylor discussed his long experience in the state's so-called 'gambling wars.' We were also joined by Alabama Association of School Boards Executive Director Sally Smith and Elmore County Superintendent of Education Richard Dennis, who discussed their concerns over a school calendar bill that would extend summer breaks.

3/10/20, 10:30p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Government, health, crime, health

We reported on state officials saying that Alabama still has no coronavirus cases, but that preparation efforts continued. We also reported on a rewrite of the state's so-called 'monuments law' being on that day's Senate calendar. And we were joined by Rep. Wes Allen of Troy, who discussed his controversial bill that would ban transgender medical treatments for minors.

3/11/20, 10:30p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Government, health, crime

We reported on Alabama health officials saying that they may need more state funding to help with testing for the coronavirus; we also reported on Senate committee approval of Aniah's Law, which would give judges more discretion in granting bail to suspects accused of the most serious felonies. We reported on House committee approval of a bill that would streamline the death penalty appeals process; and we were joined by former Governor Don Siegelman, who talked about the fight to keep Democratic U.S. Senator Doug Jones in office. Siegelman also discussed his new book about what he called his 'political conviction' in a 2007 corruption case.

3/12/20, 10:30p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Government, health

We had an update on the coronavirus from the State Department of Public Health. We reported on the Senate holding a marathon debate on medical marijuana legislation. And we were joined by Alabama Republican Party Chair Terry Lathan of Mobile, who discussed President Trump's coronavirus response, the big GOP voter numbers on Super Tuesday and the hotly-contested Republican races headed to the March 31st runoffs.

3/13/20, 7:30p, 1 hour Issues discussed: Government, health, education

We had the very latest on the coronavirus threat in Alabama, with one state case already confirmed. We were joined by State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris, who discussed expanding testing for the virus in Alabama. Superintendent of Education Dr. Eric Mackey was also with us to talk about how state schools were being impacted by the virus. We had a complete legislative wrap-up. And we were also joined by former Auburn football coach Tommy Tuberville, who talked with us about winning a spot in the GOP US Senate runoff with Jeff Sessions.

3/20/20, 7:30p, 1 hour Issues discussed: Government, health, economic

We were joined by State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris, who discussed that week's doubling of Alabama coronavirus cases and new public restrictions. We were also joined by Alabama Labor Secretary Fitzgerald Washington, who talked with us about modified rules to help state residents apply for jobless benefits necessitated by the virus outbreak. And Secretary of State John Merrill was with us to discuss the decision to postpone the March 31st primary runoff elections because of public health concerns.

3/27/20, 7:30p, 1 hour Issues discussed: Government, health, education

State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris and Alabama Hospital Association President Dr. Don Williamson joined us to discuss the growing coronavirus outbreak. Superintendent of Education Dr. Eric Mackey was with us to talk about schools closing for the remainder of the year because of the virus. Attorney General Steve Marshall joined us to discuss his guidance for cities and counties on virus-related mandates. And Speaker of the House Mac McCutcheon was with us to talk about how the pandemic was affecting plans for the remainder of the legislative session.

Spotlight on Education

1/23/20, 8p, 1 hour Issues discussed: Education, government, youth

David Walters with the Alabama Community College System joined us to talk about a census education initiative that the system was helping lead. Rep. Terri Collins of Decatur was also with us to discuss further implementation of her Alabama Literacy Act, to improve student reading performance. Alabama Board of Education member Jackie Zeigler of Mobile joined us to discuss her campaign against a proposed constitutional amendment which would move the state from an elected to an appointed school board. And Alabama Superintendent of Education Dr. Eric Mackey was with us to discuss efforts to reverse the state's lowest-in-the-nation student math scores.

Alabama Gospel Roots

1/25/20, 8p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Culture

Featuring performances by 'Glorified' from Tuscaloosa, 'Exodus' from Gadsden and nationally-known recording artist Keith 'Wonderboy' Johnson.

2/1/20, 8p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Culture

Featuring performances by Herbert Hales and The Spiritual 4 from Montgomery; 'Second Chance' from Birmingham; 'Wallahootchie;' and Troy Jackson from Georgia.

2/8/20, 8p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Culture

Featuring performances by 'Eagles Wings' from Jasper and nationally-known recording artists Rev. Lawrence Thomison and Everett Drake of Nashville.

2/15/20, 8p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Culture

Featuring performances by Allen Pruitt Jr. and 'Called II Worship' from Birmingham; 'Interstate Quartet' from Scottsboro; and Jesse Crow of Alabaster.

2/22/20, 8p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Culture

Featuring performances by the 'New Ground' trio from Scottsboro; D'Marie from Birmingham; J Allen from Huntsville.

3/8/20, 8p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Culture

Featuring performances by Ruth Black and the 'Harmonettes;' 'Dry Creek' from Lacey Springs, Pisani Baldwin Standfield and special guest David Sea of 'The Temptations.'

3/21/20, 8p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Culture

Featuring performances by 'Purpose' from Russellville; Holloway and Drake Singers from Camp Hill; and 'Promised Land' from Tuscaloosa.

Alabama Scholars Bowl

1/4/20, 10a, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Education

High school quiz competition featuring Hoover High School and Loveless Academic Magnet Program from Montgomery.

1/11/20, 10a, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Education

Alma Bryant vs. Bob Jones

1/18/20, 10a, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Education

Baker vs. Vestavia Hills

1/25/20, 10a, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Education

Baker vs. Alma Bryant

2/1/20, 10a, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Education

Hoover vs. Grissom

2/8/20, 10a, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Education

Baker vs. Hoover

2/15/20, 10a, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Education

Hewitt Trussville vs. Smiths Station

3/7/20, 10a, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Education

Smiths Station vs. West Point

3/14/20, 10a, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Education

Hewitt Trussville vs. West Point

3/21/20, 10a, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Education

Altamont vs. Homewood

3/28/20, 10a, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Education

Thompson vs. Homewood

Alabama Upstarts

1/5/20, 1p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Education, economics

Alabama entrepreneurs and inventors pitch their ideas to venture capitalists in hopes of taking their products to market. This week's contestants: Brent Skiller of 'Headhunter;' Charita Cadenhead of 'Metro Birmingham Children's Business Fair;' Austin Senseman and Nathan McGinn of 'Conserv.'

1/12/20, 1p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: education, economic

Contestants included Jackson Carpenter of 'Tankr;' Joshua Crumbaugh of 'PeopleSec;' Scott and Parker Owen of 'Goodbye Book.'

1/19/20, 1p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: education, economic

Contestants included Slade Johnston of 'Trips4Trade;' Eric Wyatt of 'Broadway Pizzeria;' Oscar Garcia of 'Need2Say.'

1/26/20, 1p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: education, economic

Contestants included Brian Beier of 'Zone Repellents;' Randall Cottrell and Pete Oooh of 'JobFitPro;' Tracey Kennedy of 'California Country Organics.'

2/2/20, 1p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: education, economic

Contestants included Jay Johnson of 'College Prep U;' Payton and Dewar Gaines of 'Gaines Family Farmstead;' Alex Haisting and Robert Petit of 'High Five Studios.'

2/9/20, 1p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: education, economic

Contestants included Ana Lewis of 'Native or Not;' Michael Arrington of 'AdReels by Tonnage Group;' Zack Scott of 'Plane Surfers.'

2/16/20, 1p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: education, economic

Contestants included Jared Giddens of 'Trailz TV;' Allison Litton of 'Meals on Col;' Sunny and Peter Xavier of 'Studio King Media.'

2/23/20, 1p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: education, economic

Contestants included Salaam Green of 'Literary Healing Arts;' Jimmy Bearden of 'Global Freight;' Dr. Sarah Elizabeth Morgan, 'Creative Communication Consultant.'

3/22/20, 1p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: education, economic

Contestants included Kara McGee of 'Yellow Hammer Music;' Amy Eskridge of 'The Institute;' Rene Dippolito of 'Yoga and Love.'

3/29/20, 1p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: education, economic

Contestants included Dale Speetjens of 'Shipshape Urban Farms;' Stephanie Rhodes of 'Agape Juices;' Thkisha Sanogo of 'My Taask.'

Monograph

3/23/20, 9p, 30 minutes: Issues discussed: Arts, culture

Featuring a visit to the Wiregrass Museum of Art in Dothan, led by director/curator Dana Marie Lemmer. The visit includes a conversation with interdisciplinary artist Jenny Fine, who discusses her Synchronized Swimmers installation. Also featured: artists and musician Abe Partridge; the tradition of 'College Night' at the University of Montevallo; and conceptual photographer Celestia Morgan.