

# Issues Programs List

## 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2024 Issues Programs List

Station: WALJ FM, WTUG 97.5FM, WTUG 110.9FM, WTBC FM, WTSK AM/FM, WFFN FM, WQRR FM

January 1, 2024 through March 31, 2024

### Section I. Issues

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

**A. Severe weather Safety Issues.** There are 34 gaps in National Weather Service NEXRAD radar coverage posing a risk to residents within the gap area.

**B. Nick Saban Retirement.** Retirement of college head football coach Nick Saban impacts more than the football program at UA.

**C. Equality, Justice.** These are much used terms but what do they actually mean to Alabama's Criminal Justice System?

**D. Capital Punishment.** Alabama became the epicenter of the Capital Punishment debate when nitrogen gas was used for the first time anywhere in the world to carry out an execution.

**E. State Politics.** With limited home rule in Alabama, every action of the state legislature during its annual regular session impacts virtually everyone.

**F. UA Athletics.** University of Alabama athletics is one of the biggest pieces of Tuscaloosa/Northport and West Alabama's economic base.

**G. Municipal Growth.** A city that is not growing is dying but growth often sparks public opposition.

**H. Health.** Heart disease remains the number one killer in Alabama and nationally.

**I. Civil Discourse.** The national Governor's Association has begun an initiative called "Disagree Better" in an attempt get leaders to reign in volatile language to get the nation to listen and understand each other."

**J. College Athletics Future.** Chaos surrounding play-for-pay and its relationship to Name, Image and Likeness is eroding college athletics.

**K. Roads & Highways.** Rebuild Alabama funding has provided a windfall of money to reconstruct Alabama's crumbling highway system.

**Section II. Responsive Programs**

<b>Date(s) Aired</b>	<b>Program Name</b>	<b>Description of Issue Discussed</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Time</b>
7 Jan 24	West Alabama on Point	<b>Severe Weather Safety Issues</b> A significant gap with National Weather Service NEXRAD Radar is in West Alabama is putting resident's lives in jeopardy by not receiving timely and accurate warning. Alabama County EMA Directors Melissa Dove (Wilcox) and Russell Weeden discuss the issue with Climavision CEO Chris Goode whose company is installing gap radar units.	30 minutes	6:00 AM
14 Jan 24	West Alabama on Point	<b>Nick Saban Retirement</b> After 17 years as the head coach at UA Nick Saban retires leaving a legacy as the Greatest Coach of All-Time. Saban and his wife Terry leave more than that, they leave a legacy of service to the community with Nick's Kids, Habitat for Humanity and the world class Saban Center for STEM and arts education. Add to that the multiple million dollar economic impact his career has had on the city, especially after the April 27, 2011 EF-4 tornado.	30 minutes	6:00 AM
21 Jan 24	West Alabama on Point	<b>Equality, Justice</b> Per capita, Alabama has the most prisoners on death row in the nations; it also has one of the nation's largest prison populations and a Pardons and Paroles Board that issues few paroles. Equal Justice Initiative founder discuss the impact on minorities and the state as a whole. <b>Capital Punishment</b> The execution of Kenneth Smith via Hypoxia Nitrogen Gas in Alabama has elevated the debate over the death penalty worldwide and brought condemnation to the state from the UN and World Court.	30 minutes	6:00 AM
28 Jan 24	West Alabama on Point	<b>HBCU Sports</b> Stillman College is joining the growing Gulf Coast Athletic Conference, raising the profile of HBCU athletics locally and across the south. The conference will show its impact on Tuscaloosa by bringing in almost \$1,000,000 to the city's economy with the annual Men's and Women's basketball Tournament.	30 minutes	6:00 AM
04 Feb 24	West Alabama on Point	<b>Black History Month</b> This week the history of the month and the Black History Museum in Washington D.C. are discussed with the	30 minutes	6:00 AM

		<p>museum's executive Director Dr. Lionel Daniels.</p> <p><b>State Politics</b> The 2024 regular session of the Alabama Legislature begins Tuesday and some of the major issues facing lawmakers are examined with legislators and special interest representatives.</p> <p><b>UA Athletics</b> The changing of the guard from Nick Saban to Kalen DoBoer as UA's head football coach is examined with Athletics Director Greg Byrne.</p>		
11 Feb 2024	West Alabama on Point	<p><b>State Politics</b> The 2024 legislative session got underway Tuesday and Gov. Ivey delivered her State of the State that night. Among the issues facing lawmakers are a statewide lottery and gaming, school choice, Medicaid expansion, prison reform and the state's two budgets. The governor's agenda for the session is discussed.</p>	30 minutes	6:00 AM
18 Feb 24	West Alabama on Point	<p><b>Black History Month</b> Blacks from Alabama who made history, the omission of black history from textbooks are discussed. Tuscaloosa's 1<sup>st</sup> black circuit court judge John England discussing his history making appoint to the bench after being the first black elected to the Tuscaloosa City Council.</p>	30 minutes	6:00 AM
25 Feb 2024	West Alabama on Point	<p><b>Municipal Growth</b> The City of Northport has approved a controversial multi-purpose water park, concert theater, residential area, retail area project on the west side of the city. It could bring as many as 400,000 visitors a year to the city and millions in new tax and retail revenue. Yet, some residents oppose the plan.</p>	30 minutes	6:00 AM
3 Mar 2024	West Alabama on Point	<p><b>Health</b> The American Heart Association Heart Walk raises awareness that heart disease is the #1 killer. It also commemorates those lost and honors survivors.</p> <p><b>Community Activity</b> The Junior League Sponsored "Bunny Trail" in Northport annually raises money to Support Tuscaloosa One Place, a family resource center.</p> <p><b>State Politics</b> An Alabama Supreme Court ruling that identifies frozen embryo as children has halted invitro fertilization across Alabama out of fear of prosecution for wrongful death. State lawmakers have</p>	30 minutes	6:00 AM

		passed two bills to protect IVF but still identify frozen embryo as living children.		
10 Mar 24	West Alabama on Point	<b>Civil Discourse</b> Tuscaloosa Mayor Walt Maddox and Gov. Kay Ivey have joined to “Disagree Better” campaign to return the nation to civil discourse. Mayor Maddox discusses the initiatives important, what got us to the point on incivility and how to rectify the problem. Utah Gov. Spencer Cox outlines the initiative’s objectives.	30 minutes	6:00 AM
17 Mar 2024	West Alabama on Point	<b>College Athletics Future (Pt 1)</b> Name, Image and Likeness was not intended to be the enabler for pay-for-play by student athletes but that is what it has become. Former Alabama Football Coach Nick Saban and UA Athletics Director Greg Byrne discussed the issue in a congress roundtable in Washington.	30 minutes	6:00 AM
24 Mar 2024	West Alabama on Point	<b>College Athletics Future (Pt. 2)</b> Former AL Football Coach Nick Saban, UA Athletics Dir. Greg Byrne, ACC Commissioner Jim Phillips, Athletes Haley & Hanna Cavinder, Collectives Assoc. Pres. Russell White and NIL Attorney Darren Heitner discuss NIL impact on college athletics, the possibility college athletes becoming school employees and the future of non-revenue sports.	30 minutes	6:00 AM
31 Mar 2024	West Alabama on Point	<b>Roads and Highways</b> Alabama Department of Transportation spokesperson John D. McWilliams updates status of dozens of road projects underway in Alabama and discusses what it takes to plan and execute road construction and maintenance.	30 Minutes	6:00 AM