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Per the FCC, this is a list of the most frequently cited issues of concern to the people in the WBHM listening area during the last quarter. The list details the most significant programs addressing these issues. All of these programs were published at WBHM.ORG and broadcast on WBHM 90.3 FM between January 1, 2024 and March 31, 2024. The list includes the following issues:

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[What issues are driving you to the polls this year?](#)

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What issues are top of mind as you head to the polls this year? What do you want the candidates to be talking about?

[Anti-DEI bill becomes law as lawmakers return for the second half of the session](#)

2024-03-22 10:57:19

Alabama lawmakers returned from spring break this week to take on several priorities for the Republican majority. Chief among them was a bill that would ban diversity, equity and inclusion programs in schools, universities and government offices.

[Alabama enacts new restrictions on absentee ballot requests](#)

2024-03-21 09:51:18

Alabama has placed new restrictions on assistance with absentee ballot requests, making it illegal to return another person's ballot application and making it a felony to pay someone to distribute or collect applications.

[Alabama pharmacists urge lawmakers to pass HB 238](#)

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Supporters of the legislation say it would create a more transparent reimbursement system for struggling pharmacies. The bill's opponents worry it could drive up insurance costs.

[Anti-DEI bill faces opposition from students across Alabama](#)

2024-03-18 15:05:52

College students across the state are speaking out against Senate Bill 129, which would restrict the funding of diversity, equity and inclusion efforts.

[Alabamians want public officials to mitigate landslide risk](#)

2024-03-14 14:58:53

In Birmingham, residents want two properties shielded from development and turned into parkland. Councilors decided to protect one parcel years ago. The vote never stuck.

[What do you want state lawmakers to know?](#)

2024-03-13 11:40:59

That's the question WBHM put to people at our recent News and Brews community pop-up at Church Street Coffee in Mt. Brook. Despite the early hour, those at the shop had plenty to share.

[As Alabama tries to legalize sports betting, advocates point to neighboring states' success](#)

2024-03-12 07:00:00

Increased tax revenues in states like Louisiana are one reason many pro-sports betting Alabamians say it's time to catch up to neighbors in the Gulf South.

[Alabama state lawmaker Rogers to plead guilty to federal charges](#)

2024-03-11 20:24:18

The charges are related to what federal prosecutors described as a kickback scheme that diverted money from a state fund intended to pay for community projects in Jefferson County.

[Britt used decades-old example of rapes in Mexico as Republican attack on Biden border policy](#)

2024-03-11 08:44:39

An independent journalist revealed in a TikTok video Friday that the sex trafficking of the victim mentioned by Britt on Thursday did not happen during the Biden administration or in the United States.

[IVF, school choice and gambling dominate the week in Montgomery](#)

2024-03-08 15:00:00

Most in vitro fertilization services resumed across Alabama after Gov. Kay Ivey signed a bill into law Wednesday night granting immunity to fertility clinics. This is in response to an Alabama Supreme Court ruling last month that found frozen embryos are children.

[Two Alabama IVF providers resume treatment under new law](#)

2024-03-07 16:26:46

Patients celebrated the new legislation, which grants civil and criminal immunity to providers involved in IVF procedures.

[Sen. Katie Britt will stride onto the national stage to deliver GOP's State of the Union response](#)

2024-03-07 08:53:52

After only a year in the Senate, Britt is wielding her influence to carve out a unique role in the party. As the youngest female senator, she represents a new generation of Republicans in a volatile political era.

[Alabama governor signs legislation protecting IVF providers from legal liability into law](#)

2024-03-07 06:11:47

Republican Gov. Kay Ivey signed the bill after it was approved in a late-night session by lawmakers scrambling to address a wave of criticism after services were halted at some of the state's largest fertility clinics.

[Alabama's redrawn US House map spurs primary runoffs and ousts an incumbent on Super Tuesday](#)

2024-03-06 06:20:03

Alabama voters shook up the state's congressional delegation Tuesday, throwing out one Republican incumbent and sending four candidates to runoffs in a district redrawn by a federal court to give Black voters greater opportunity to elect a representative of their choice.

[Sarah Stewart wins Republican race to lead Alabama Supreme Court, weeks after frozen embryo ruling](#)

2024-03-06 05:57:44

Stewart defeated Bryan Taylor, a former state senator and legal adviser to two governors, to secure the GOP nomination. She will face Circuit Judge Greg Griffin, a Democrat from Montgomery, in November.

[Thousands honor Selma Jubilee, voting rights ahead of March 5 election](#)

2024-03-05 07:00:00

On the 59th anniversary of Bloody Sunday, thousands marched across the Edmund Pettus Bridge to honor those brutally attacked in the fight for civil rights.

[Kamala Harris leads Bloody Sunday memorial as marchers' voices ring out for voting rights](#)

2024-03-04 05:54:49

Harris joined those gathered at the foot of the Edmund Pettus Bridge, where voting rights activists were beaten back by law enforcement officers in 1965. The vice president praised the marchers' bravery for engaging in a defining moment of the civil rights struggle.

[Alabama lawmakers pass protections for IVF clinics](#)

2024-03-01 10:48:36

In vitro fertilization dominated the conversation in Montgomery for another week in the wake of last month's Alabama Supreme Court ruling that found frozen embryos are considered children.

[Alabama lawmakers rush to get IVF services restarted](#)

2024-02-29 15:22:22

Facing public pressure to get IVF services resumed in the state, both chambers of the Alabama Legislature advanced legislation that would extend lawsuit protections to clinics.

[Video shows person of interest in explosion outside Alabama attorney general's office](#)

2024-02-29 11:12:42

The short security camera clip shared by the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency shows a person strolling down a sidewalk, wearing a facemask, stocking cap, dark jacket and gloves. A statement from the agency described the person as someone who "may have information related to this crime."

[Here are the details on Tuesday's proposed constitutional amendment](#)

2024-02-28 11:34:46

Voters heading to the polls Tuesday will see a proposed constitutional amendment on the ballot. Amendment 1 would remove a procedural step when considering local legislation.

[Alabama fertility care in limbo as lawmakers discuss legislation](#)

2024-02-26 13:27:04

As patients lose access to care, the clock is ticking for Alabama lawmakers to agree on legislation to protect IVF.

[Lawmakers promise action after Alabama IVF ruling](#)

2024-02-23 15:00:00

One story dominated Alabama politics this past week – an Alabama Supreme Court ruling that found frozen embryos are considered children under a state civil law.

[A mother asks what's next after Alabama Supreme Court ruling that frozen embryos are children](#)

2024-02-23 13:57:28

Dr. Aubrey Coleman, who's a mom, pediatrician, and IVF patient, discusses the far-reaching repercussions of the Alabama Supreme Court ruling that finds embryos are legally the same as children.

[Alabama seeks to carry out second execution using controversial nitrogen gas method](#)

2024-02-21 19:10:44

Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall's office asked the state Supreme Court on Wednesday to set an execution date for Alan Eugene Miller. The state said Miller's execution would be carried out using nitrogen.

[Alabama Supreme Court rules frozen embryos are 'children' under state law](#)

2024-02-20 11:09:57

The decision, issued in a pair of wrongful death cases brought by couples who had frozen embryos destroyed in an accident at a fertility clinic, brought a rush of warnings from advocates who said it would have sweeping implications for fertility treatments.

[As March 5 primary election nears, some voters are still unaware of District 2 change](#)

2024-02-19 12:29:39

Civics education groups, like the South Alabama Black Women's Roundtable, are working to notify voters of the change made by the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling.

[Gambling bill overcomes first big test of the legislative session](#)

2024-02-16 09:15:02

The Alabama House Thursday passed a sweeping gambling bill, one that could bring a lottery, casinos and sports betting to the state. It's a change of luck for gambling proponents as similar proposals historically have died in the House.

[Gambling becomes the first big issue of the legislative session](#)

2024-02-09 12:52:07

Alabama lawmakers got their first look at a sweeping lottery and casino bill this week. The governor also released her plan for education savings accounts.

[Alabama lawmakers push sweeping gambling bill that would allow lottery and casinos](#)

2024-02-08 06:01:24

Alabama is one of few states without a state lottery, after lawmakers in 1999 rejected a proposal to allow one. And unlike neighboring Mississippi, the state has been resistant to full-fledged casinos with table games and slot machines.

[Ivey says 'now is the time' for a statewide vote on lottery and gambling bills](#)

2024-02-07 08:18:33

Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey called Tuesday night for the creation of a limited school voucher program and announced support for two controversial measures before lawmakers this year: gambling legislation and absentee ballot restrictions.

[What to expect in this year's legislative session](#)

2024-02-05 06:11:42

Alabama lawmakers will be back in Montgomery Tuesday to kick off the 2024 legislative session. State leaders are already talking about an array of issues from education to the economy.

[Will the Moody Landfill Fire Ever Be Extinguished? The EPA Isn't So Sure.](#)

2024-02-03 07:00:00

One resident, a former firefighter, said the fire should be completely extinguished. An EPA official said that may not be possible.

[Will other states replicate Alabama's nitrogen execution?](#)

2024-01-29 08:39:09

Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall said Friday that the execution of Kenneth Eugene Smith, a 58-year-old convicted of a 1988 murder-for-hire, went off as planned and his office is ready to help other states if they want to begin

nitrogen executions.

[Alabama executes a man with nitrogen gas, the first time the new method has been used](#)

2024-01-25 20:38:55

Officials said Kenneth Eugene Smith, 58, was pronounced dead at 8:25 p.m. at an Alabama prison after breathing pure nitrogen gas through a face mask to cause oxygen deprivation.

[Federal court says Alabama can carry out first nitrogen gas execution](#)

2024-01-24 20:54:46

A divided panel of the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals rejected Kenneth Eugene Smith's request for an injunction to stop his execution by nitrogen hypoxia Thursday night. Smith's lawyers, who have argued the state is trying to make him the test subject for an experimental execution method, are expected to appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

[Alabama calls nitrogen execution method painless and humane, but critics are raising doubts](#)

2024-01-23 13:33:01

The Alabama attorney general's office told federal appeals court judges last week that nitrogen hypoxia is "the most painless and humane method of execution known to man." But what exactly Kenneth Eugene Smith will feel after the warden switches on the gas is unknown, some doctors and critics say.

[Alabama plans to carry out first nitrogen gas execution. How will it work and what are the risks?](#)

2024-01-21 09:46:09

Kenneth Eugene Smith, who survived the state's previous attempt to put him to death by lethal injection in 2022, is scheduled to be put to death Thursday by nitrogen hypoxia. If carried out, it would be the first new method of execution since lethal injection was introduced in 1982.

[Hale Freezes Over](#)

2024-01-19 10:11:06

In Hale County, Alabama, many residents have gone without running water for days. Many more are still boiling water.

[Spiritual adviser at first nitrogen gas execution asks Alabama for safeguards to protect witnesses](#)

2024-01-18 09:06:49

The Rev. Jeff Hood, who will stand near Kenneth Smith during his execution, sent a letter Monday to the Alabama prison system requesting safeguards in case of a nitrogen leak in the execution chamber.

[Alabama can enforce a ban on gender-affirming care for transgender minors, appeals court rules](#)

2024-01-11 19:57:53

The 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals had previously ruled that the injunction should be vacated, but the decision had been effectively on hold for more than 18 months while families with transgender children asked the full appellate court to reconsider the decision.

[Prisoners' bodies returned to families without heart, other organs, lawsuit alleges](#)

2024-01-11 10:27:20

The family of Brandon Clay Dotson, who died in a state prison in November, filed a federal lawsuit last month against the Alabama Department of Corrections and others saying his body was decomposing and his heart was missing when his remains were returned to his family.

[Federal judge says Alabama can carry out nation's 1st execution using nitrogen gas](#)

2024-01-10 13:33:33

U.S. District Judge R. Austin Huffaker rejected Alabama inmate Kenneth Eugene Smith's request for an injunction to stop his scheduled Jan. 25 execution by nitrogen hypoxia.

[Alabama judge puts a temporary hold on medical marijuana companies](#)

2024-01-05 08:32:36

A Montgomery circuit judge issued a temporary restraining order late Wednesday to stop the Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission from issuing licenses for “integrated” facilities that grow, transport and sell medical marijuana. The coveted licenses will be on hold while he hears a challenge to the selection process.

Economy

[Q&A: A bad deal made Jackson’s water problems worse. It wasn’t the only Mississippi city harmed](#)

2024-03-25 07:00:00

Reporter Sarah Fowler talks about her investigation that found at least eight Mississippi cities were harmed by deals over faulty smart water meters.

[A ‘gassy’ Alabama coal mine was expanding under a home. After an explosion, two were left critically injured](#)

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Oak Grove Mine has a long history of safety violations. In 2006, federal officials evacuated its workers because of dangerous levels of methane, a flammable gas.

[Some Jackson residents still face water billing issues despite new systems in place](#)

2024-03-21 14:55:08

In trying to rectify decades of billing chaos and draw new revenue, another issue has emerged for JXN Water: How much should customers be on the hook for?

[What architects learned from 30 years of building affordable homes in Alabama’s Black Belt](#)

2024-03-11 07:00:00

Auburn University’s Rural Studio is sharing its wealth of knowledge with partners in a half dozen states to help solve rural homelessness.

[4 factors besides cold weather that explain expensive winter power bills](#)

2024-02-22 12:04:57

Like many in the Gulf South, Will Burt’s power bill spiked in January due to extreme weather. But how much of the increase can be attributed to the cold?

[How Birmingham reflects an entwined struggle for civil and labor rights](#)

2024-02-17 07:00:00

Movements for civil rights and workers' rights often intersect. But many times the labor part of the picture is overlooked. That’s the case in Birmingham, which is well known for its civil rights history.

[The Gulf South’s rejection of the Summer EBT program puts further strain on child hunger issues](#)

2024-02-02 11:56:38

Mississippi, Louisiana and Alabama have opted out of the USDA’s Summer EBT program, but advocates say the need is far greater than one program.

[Jackson estimated his water bill and overcharged him by thousands. He fought back and won](#)

2024-01-22 07:00:00

When James Henley suspected his water bill was inaccurate, he put his spreadsheet skills to use and got back \$3,208. Now, he’s helping others do the same.

[How an Alabama utility wields influence by financing news](#)

2024-01-17 08:32:18

A Floodlight investigation found Alabama Power runs a news service and its foundation bought a Black newspaper. Neither publishes critical stories about the utility.

[Mercedes-Benz autoworkers in Alabama want to join the UAW. Here's what the past could teach them](#)

2024-01-10 11:32:59

Amid a new push in a region that's historically unwelcoming to unionization, author Stephen Silvia details what the UAW could learn from its past efforts.

[Inflation is slowing, unless you're 'makin' groceries' for New Orleans gumbo. Here's why](#)

2024-01-04 16:48:48

With a variety of ingredients from across the region, making a pot of gumbo can illustrate a lot of the ways inflation impacts the average grocery shopper.

Health Care

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[What happens when a rural hospital shuts its doors? Look to Pickens County](#)

2024-03-26 05:00:00

Residents in the west Alabama county warn that the lack of emergency care can have deadly consequences. It's a fate that could befall a growing number of rural communities.

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[Alabama IVF patients describe heartbreak, anger after ruling](#)

2024-02-28 08:36:30

The panel of patients came in the wake of an Alabama Supreme Court ruling that called into question the future of some fertility treatments in the state.

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[How an Alabama court ruling that frozen embryos are children could affect IVF](#)

2024-02-21 19:32:09

The Alabama Supreme Court recently ruled that frozen embryos can be considered children under state law, raising concerns about how the decision could affect in vitro fertilization, commonly known as IVF.

[UAB puts pause on IVF in wake of ruling saying frozen embryos are children](#)

2024-02-21 19:00:37

The University of Alabama at Birmingham health system said in a statement that it must evaluate whether its patients or doctors could face criminal charges or punitive damages for undergoing IVF treatments.

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Losing his brother to an overdose inspired Jacob Bassin to arm his fellow medical students with free doses of Narcan and train them on how to use it.

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[Struggling Birmingham-Southern College says it will close at end of May](#)

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The College Board of Trustees voted unanimously to close the longtime institution, officials announced in a news release. The announcement came after legislation, aimed at securing a taxpayer-backed loan for the 168-year-old private college, had recently stalled in the Alabama Statehouse.

[SATs are going all digital, and students have mixed reviews of the new format](#)

2024-03-09 06:00:00

As SAT season kicks off this weekend, students across the U.S. for the first time will take it with computers and tablets — and not the pencils they've used since the college admissions test was introduced nearly a century ago.

[What's special about historically Black colleges and universities](#)

2024-01-30 08:12:55

What do Oprah Winfrey, Roy Wood Jr. and Stacey Abrams have in common? They all received diplomas from historically Black colleges or universities. They're also 3 contributing writers for NPR Weekend Edition Sunday host

Ayesha Rascoe's new essay collection.

Science and Technology

[This new high-speed fiber internet project aims to close the technology gap in Alabama's Black Belt](#)

2024-03-21 07:00:00

The \$230 million project, which broke ground in Selma in early March, will reach around 53,000 homes and businesses.

Arts and Culture

[Clothing makes the character: Disney costumes come to the Birmingham Museum of Art](#)

2024-03-08 11:01:57

The Birmingham Museum of Art's latest exhibit, Heroes and Villains: The Art of the Disney Costume, consists of 70 original costumes from live-action Disney films, offering the Birmingham community a peek behind the curtain to see the costumes' artistry up close.

[A South Asian krewe in New Orleans wants to 'put the masala in Mardi Gras'](#)

2024-02-07 15:43:21

Krewe da Bhan Gras has been a hit on the parade route this Carnival season as the latest example of Mardi Gras' diverse, inclusive nature and its evolution.

[Why Birmingham is overlooked when it comes to jazz](#)

2024-01-23 06:45:00

Jazz is associated with cities such as New Orleans, Chicago and New York. But Birmingham has had profound influence on the genre too. That's the argument from a recent book.

[New opera delves into less familiar part of Helen Keller's story](#)

2024-01-19 14:39:22

The opera TOUCH, commissioned by Opera Birmingham, depicts Keller's later life as an activist and feminist and conflict with her interpreter Anne Sullivan.

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[From sea to table to sea: How recycled oyster shells are restoring the Alabama coast](#)

2024-02-28 10:55:56

Gulf South oyster reefs are fading because of the changing climate. Alabama hopes to reverse this by using recycled shells to grow oyster gardens.

['Sick!' New kids book by Alabama author explores how animals fight germs](#)

2024-02-20 15:46:47

A new children's book by Alabama author Heather Montgomery explores how animals fight off pathogens.

[Meet the Alabama woman who is turning her farm into an indigenous food forest](#)

2024-02-14 15:31:45

As the climate changes, some Gulf South producers are focusing on ways to preserve the land.

[During Mardi Gras, tons of fun comes with tons of toxic beads](#)

2024-02-13 15:00:00

New Orleans and Mobile dispute where Mardi Gras was birthed, but both Gulf Coast cities struggle with the same plastic waste. Where will a greener carnival be reborn?

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One resident, a former firefighter, said the fire should be completely extinguished. An EPA official said that may not be possible.

[Environmentalists rattled by radioactive risks of toxic coal ash](#)

2024-01-31 09:24:19

The EPA now recognizes the risks of gamma radiation from radium in coal ash, but many states aren't even sure where the toxic waste has been used. In Alabama, environmental regulators say they do not track so-called 'beneficial' uses of coal ash.

[Deadline approaches for USDA loan discrimination funds for underserved farmers](#)

2024-01-12 10:51:29

Gulf South farmers are racing to meet the deadline for DFAP. Some say the aid is a step in the right direction, but more needs to be done.

Religion

Crime

['Living in fear': Small-town Mississippi residents are skeptical of DOJ's police investigation](#)

2024-02-13 07:00:00

The "pattern or practice" investigation into the Lexington Police Department stems from allegations of excessive force, racist roadblocks and more.

[New Alabama law aims to improve police interactions with people with disabilities](#)

2024-01-25 13:33:25

Some advocates said the law's requirement of an hour-long training on working with people with "invisible" disabilities and sensory needs is a good start.

[Ahead of Kenneth Smith's execution, people impacted by Alabama's death penalty speak out](#)

2024-01-25 11:39:53

Death penalty opponents gathered in Birmingham Wednesday to condemn Smith's execution and hear personal stories about the impact of death row.

[New Orleans residents are uneasy about the NOPD's planned drone program, documents show](#)

2024-01-05 17:16:24

The Gulf States Newsroom obtained more than 350 pages of public comments concerning the NOPD's planned drone program. Here's what they said.

Race and Culture

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[What the Lost Cause narrative masks about Alabama history.](#)

2024-02-01 12:26:41

Many Alabama officials have for generations pushed the false narrative that residents of the state were nearly unanimous in their support for secession prior to the Civil War. Howell Raines, former executive editor of the New York Times and an Alabama native, says otherwise.

[MLK Day is Monday. In Alabama and Mississippi, it's also Robert E. Lee Day.](#)

2024-01-12 16:30:00

Here's a quick history lesson on why the unlikely joint celebration of a civil rights icon and a Confederate general is still happening.

Weather

Sports

[March Madness is here! Here are the Gulf South teams to watch in the men's, women's tournaments](#)

2024-03-20 07:00:00

Get info on the seven men's teams and five women's teams playing in the NCAA Division I basketball tournament, plus see what time they play.

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Increased tax revenues in states like Louisiana are one reason many pro-sports betting Alabamians say it's time to catch up to neighbors in the Gulf South.

[The HBCU Legacy Bowl is more than a game. It also prepares students for life after sports](#)

2024-03-06 07:00:00

Organizers for the all-star game, now in its third year, host a career fair where HBCU students and recent grads plan for their futures before the big game.

[DeBoer embraces chance to replace Saban at Alabama](#)

2024-01-13 21:01:43

The former Washington coach, hired two days after Saban's retirement, said he's giving the 72-year-old ex-coach "100 percent access" to his program

[Kalen DeBoer hired to replace Nick Saban at Alabama](#)

2024-01-12 19:57:33

The powerhouse program tapped DeBoer on Friday to replace Saban, just two days after the 72-year-old coach announced his retirement.

[Nick Saban's retirement is a blow to Alabama football's fans — and a boon to its haters](#)

2024-01-10 21:07:19

Sports fans in Birmingham were more than happy to weigh in on the Alabama football icon's storied career.

[Alabama's Nick Saban retiring after 7 national titles, most in major college football history](#)

2024-01-10 18:15:21

Nick Saban's coaching reign has come to an end. His dominance over college football, however, will forever linger in the lore of the sport.

[Michigan Wolverines to play for national title after stopping Alabama](#)

2024-01-02 06:35:51

Michigan advanced to its first College Football Playoff championship game with a 27-20 victory over fourth-seeded Alabama in the Rose Bow