



***Alabama Public Radio Newsroom
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CURRENT EVENTS

October 17 - Alabama is a state rich with music history from blues to country music but it also has another genre of music that often gets overlooked, jazz. One group in Mobile is looking to increase awareness about Alabama's place in jazz history through a more culinary outreach. Alabama Public Radio's Ryan Vasquez recently attended one of these Jazz Jambalayas and has this report. (Aired in Morning Edition at 7:33 and ATC 4:44 Runs: 4:18)

November 29—Over a ten period, fans of Christopher Columbus got a taste of what life was like during his 1492 voyage of discovery to the New World.

Replicas of two of his vessels, the "Nina" and the "Pinta" was docked along the Tennessee/Tombigbee River in Demopolis. APR's Pat Duggins spoke with Captain Morgan Sanger who was aboard the Pinta. (runs 5:00 at 7:33)

December 4—"Tuscaloosa Tornado lessons at Harvard." Tuscaloosa Mayor Walt Maddox spoke at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government today about the city's response to the April 27, 2011 tornado. APR's Pat Duggins sat down with the Mayor just before he headed to the Boston area. Maddox says no disaster plan could have covered every challenge Tuscaloosa faced that day. (runs 5:00 at 7:33 am and 4:44 pm)

December 11 - All year long on Alabama Public Radio, we've been looking back at the fiftieth anniversary of key moments in the civil rights movement. That includes how the media covered those events. Alabama Public Radio's Ryan Vasquez continues the series with a look at how differently black-owned and operated newspapers covered the civil rights movement compared to their white counterparts. (Aired in ME at 7:33 and ATC at 4:44 Runs: 5:31)

December 24 - The Wolf of Wall Street hits theaters tomorrow. Leonardo DiCaprio stars as Jordan Belfort, a high powered stock broker who was later indicted for securities fraud. That may sound like a fictional story from the world of Hollywood. But, it did happen and the case has ties to Alabama and the state's security commission. Alabama Public Radio's Ryan Vasquez has more on how the security commission operates and keeps Alabamians from being defrauded by people like Belfort. (Aired in ME at 7:33 and ATC at 4:44 Runs: 5:13)

ARTS AND CULTURE

October 8- "What's Brewing in Alabama, Pt. 1" As summer comes to a close and people all over the state settling into football season, it is safe to guess beer will be consumed. However, instead of grabbing a mainstream brew, Alabama Public Radio's Stan Ingold went all across the state to look into the variety of craft beer made right here in Alabama.(runs 4:48 at 7:33 AM and 4:44PM)

October 9- "What's Brewing in Alabama, Pt. 2" We've talked about the growing beer industry in Alabama, but what is it like getting started in this business? In

part two of our series on what's brewing in Alabama, A-P-R's Stan Ingold takes look at what it is like getting established in a rapidly growing field...(runs 4:09 7:33AM and 4:44PM)

October 10- "What's Brewing in Alabama, Pt. 3" Craft beer makers in Alabama have gone from outlaws to entrepreneurs. For years, home brewing was against the law in our state. However, that's where many of Alabama's craft brew masters learned their craft. Times have changed in the state and so have the laws. Alabama Public Radio's Stan Ingold reports on plans to put together a Brewery Trail. Here's part three of "What's Brewing in Alabama." (runs 4:39 at 7:33AM and 4:44PM)

October 31 - Tis the season for ghouls and ghosts but in some cultures this time of year comes as a time to celebrate and remember the dead. In downtown Birmingham this weekend thousands will celebrate Dia de los Muertos or the Day of the Dead. The local festival now in its 11th installment serves as both cultural bridge and entertainment. As Alabama Public Radio's Ryan Vasquez reports Birmingham's version isn't your average celebration. (Aired in ME at 7:33 and ATC 4:44 Runs: 5:09)