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December 12: "Prison Reform: Health Care in Alabama's Prisons" APR's Alex AuBuchon looks at the quality of prison health care in Alabama and examines a large federal lawsuit challenging whether inmates receive the minimum care guaranteed in the Constitution.

December 9: "...and justice for all." The four person Alabama Public Radio news team, with no budget, spent six months researching and producing this series on justice and prison reform. Within weeks of airing the first parts of this series, the U.S. Justice Department announced an investigation into Alabama's prison system, and a lawsuit over inmate mental health care was granted class action status. The chief inmate witness in the case against the Alabama Department of Corrections committed suicide shortly after testifying.

October 7: "Druid City Garden Project's Lindsay Turner on Garden Party" APR's Alex AuBuchon speaks with Druid City Garden Project executive director Lindsay Turner about the Garden Party, an annual fundraiser benefiting the Garden Project, a nonprofit educational organization building teaching gardens in area elementary schools.

October 11: "Voices from Roy Moore's Ethics Trial" A majority of the Alabama Court of the Judiciary decided to suspend Chief Justice Roy Moore for the remainder of his six-year term as punishment for ethics violations. The charges relate to Moore's role in the controversy over same-sex marriage in Alabama. APR's Alex AuBuchon reports on reactions to the trial and what may be coming next.

October 27: When it comes to Alabama's Million Dollar Band, each week fans get a chance to see the music and marching come together at halftime. Here's what you don't see. Football fans take a break during the week after each game. Alabama's marching band doesn't. A-P-R Student Reporter Allison Mollenkamp has more.

November 3: Areas around Baton Rouge Louisiana were severely flooded in late August. Soon after, they were flooded with volunteers to help residents recover and rebuild their lives. A-P-R Student Reporter Katie Willem went to Baton Rouge with a group of students from the University of Alabama and has this report.

November 11: "Amendment two and Alabama's Parks." Voters in Alabama and the rest of the country head to the polls tomorrow to help determine the next President of the United States. But that won't be the only issue citizens in the Yellowhammer State have on the ballot. APR's MacKenzie Bates has more on the issue known as "Amendment 2"...

November 7: This election season has been a roller coaster for much of the country. However, there are some who find their jobs to be much easier during these somewhat turbulent times. Those people are political cartoonists. A-P-R's Stan Ingold takes this look at political cartoons and those who create them.

November 17: Drought conditions are causing forest fires that are burning away more acres in the last month than all of last year. The last time that Birmingham saw more than one inch of measurable rain was July 30th. This week Alabama broke the 1924 record of consecutive days without precipitation A-P-R Student Reporter Parker Branton has more.

December 4: APR Video—"On The Sidelines" of the SEC Championship. Alabama Public Radio News Director Pat Duggins covered the Crimson Tide's victory in the 25th SEC Championship at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta. Prior to kickoff, Duggins shot this video from the sidelines during warm-ups for the Tide..

December 7: Some things happen like clockwork this time of year. Trimming the Christmas tree, long lines at the shopping mall—and for parents of small children, there's the traditional photo with the kids on Santa's lap. There are plenty of children waiting to talk to Kris Kringle, and that means an annual recruiting drive for Santas to keep up with demand. APR student reporter Allison Mollenkamp takes this look into the secret life of Santas.