

**SECOND QUARTER ISSUES PROGRAMS LIST FOR
TROY UNIVERSITY PUBLIC RADIO
April 1 – June 30, 2023
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Section I. Issues.

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

- A. Societal Issues:** Recent bank failures; Imposter scams; OPEC oil production cuts; Covid-19 update, the Fentanyl crisis; Investment diversification; Wildflower hike for Earth Week; Dadeville, AL, mass shooting; Teens helping grandparents with electronic devices; Controversy over organic lawns; Victims of Crime and Leniency; Vacation rentals; Airline travel; Energy justice for low income consumers; Troy University Arboretum; Kudzu and invasive plants; Unique Alabama travel destinations; The Montgomery Symphony Orchestra; The Farm Bill; Alabama Shakespeare Festival's play about redemption and second chances; Clean energy; Gold Star Families; New "Alabama Aloud" podcast with Don Noble brings the work of Alabama authors to include those with sight impairments and physical disabilities; Farmers Markets outlook; Gun violence in Alabama communities; Alabama Securities Commission Director retires; Drone technology and the war in Ukraine; Lutzie Foundation's Lutzie43 Key to prevent distracted driving fatalities; Fraudulent work-at-home schemes.
- B. Historical Issues:** The Holocaust; Dothan Riot of 1899; Africatown; Pope's Tavern in Florence, AL; Klansman Asa Carter; Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life story; Gandhi's influence on Martin Luther King, Jr's philosophy of nonviolent resistance; History of popular songs with roots in TPR's coverage area; Juneteenth's commemoration of the end of slavery in the U.S.; Korea's Robin Hood, the story of "Hong Gildong, the Invincible and Righteous Outlaw"; A Russian family who escaped two revolutions; War in Ukraine and its historical context.

Section II: Responsive Programs.

The station has broadcast programming dealing with each of the above-referenced issues. Programming on In Focus dealt with each issue in a 9-minute time frame, beginning at 12:40 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, continuing with In Focus Weekend at 3:40 p.m. on Saturdays and 6:40 a.m. on Sundays. Weekend In Focus programs featured rebroadcasts of previous programs. On Mondays, The Exchange dealt with economic and consumer issues at 7:45 a.m. and 12:35 p.m.

NOTE: In Focus continues its podcasts, and this summer on Thursdays began a book series, The Storyline, with author interviews. The ongoing History in Your Hands series has input from the Alabama Archaeological Society about early Alabamians. On May 3, In Focus had a remote broadcast at the Alabama Department of Archives and History, to celebrate Public Radio Day and the current exhibit about the history of radio. Singer-songwriter Bob Corley is sharing Note Worthy “stories behind the songs” on an occasional basis. Troy Clarinet Professor Tim Phillips was interviewed about the expansion of his program, Clarinet Corner, and podcast. And TPR radio interns were interviewed about their own popular new podcast. On May 30, Operations Manager Kyle Gassiott reported on the unique “Kyle Fair” he attended in Kyle, Texas.

A. Societal Issues:

-Broadcast on April 3:

A discussion on The Exchange with guest Scott Latham, President of the Alabama Bankers Association, about recent bank failures in New York and California, and his status report on how Alabama banks are diversified in their investments.

-Broadcast on April 10:

A discussion with guest Amanda Senn, Chief Deputy Director of the Alabama Securities Commission, about the Alabama Secretary of State’s alert on imposter scams. The Con Watch section of the ASC website outlines how the Commission takes aim against fraud.

-Broadcast on April 11:

A discussion with guest Scott Anjelle, former Director of the U.S. Bureau of Safety and Environmental Management in the Department of the Interior, about what the recent cut in oil production by OPEC countries means for U.S. drivers. He is Founder of USA Energy Workers.

-Broadcast on April 12:

A discussion with guest Dr. Scott Harris, Alabama’s State Health Officer, about the latest developments with Covid-19, Monkeypox, and the Fentanyl crisis.

-Broadcast on April 17:

A discussion on The Exchange with guest Amanda Senn, Chief Deputy Director of the Alabama Securities Commission, about the importance of diversifying investments – a lesson learned from the recent bank failures in New York and California.

-Broadcast on April 18:

An on-site discussion at Shoal Creek Nature Park with guest Verna Gates, Executive Director of Fresh Air Family and Past-President of the Birmingham Wildflower Society, about the importance of Earth Week. She described our wildflower hike.

-Broadcast on April 19:

A discussion with guest Kyle Gassiott, News Director and Operations Manager of Troy Public Radio, about his coverage of the aftermath of the mass shooting in Dadeville, AL, on the night of April 15, when four teens were killed at a birthday party and scores of others injured.

-Broadcast on April 24:

A discussion on The Exchange with guest Amanda Senn, Chief Deputy Director of the Alabama Securities Commission, about how teenagers helping are grandparents learn computer and mobile device skills. However, Senn cautioned that teens are at high risk for habitually posting their personal information online.

-Broadcast on April 25:

A discussion with guest journalist Lee Hedgepeth about a recent story he posted online at his Tread site about a Northport, AL, veterinarian who went to criminal court to defend her organic lawn in a jury trial. The neighborhood had water problems, so a professional designer had incorporated an organic garden into her lawn. She won the case.

-Broadcast on April 26 and 27:

A two-part discussion with guest Janette Grantham, State Director of the nonprofit Victims of Crime and Leniency (VOCAL), whose brother, Coffee County Sheriff Neil Grantham, was murdered in 1979. The organization provides advocacy for victims in the criminal justice system, attendance at trials, and support groups.

-Broadcast on May 1:

A discussion on The Exchange with guest Monde Donaldson of the Better Business Bureau Serving Central & South Alabama about how to avoid financial mishaps with vacation rentals.

-Broadcast on May 8 & 15:

A two-part discussion on The Exchange with guest Monde Donaldson of the Better Business Bureau Serving Central & South Alabama, about the prospects for summer airline travel. Flight delays and airline schedule disruptions have increased since the start of 2023, and Donaldson shares advice on how to navigate the system.

-Broadcast on May 10:

A discussion with guest Kaitlin Hammons, Vice-President and Gulf Coast Director of the nonprofit Consumer Energy Alliance, about the concept of energy justice for low-income consumers and communities.

-Broadcast on May 11:

An on-site discussion with guest Professor Alvin Diamond, Director of the Troy University Arboretum, about its teaching facilities and upgrades to the property, thanks to grants from businesses and volunteer help from the community.

-Broadcast on May 16:

An on-site discussion at Pioneer Park in Loachapoka, AL, with guest AU Professor Emeritus Charles Mitchell, a soil scientist and President of the Lee County Historical Society, about Kudzu, Privet, and other invasive plants in the Southern landscape.

-Broadcast on May 17:

A discussion with guest Mary Johns Wilson, host of the TV program "Simply Southern," about unique destinations that illustrate the state's culture and history. Her book is "100 Things to Do in Alabama Before You Die."

-Broadcast on May 18:

A discussion with guest Jamie Reeves, Music Director and Conductor of the Montgomery Symphony Orchestra, about its Jubilee Pops Concert on Memorial Day weekend, its Fellowship program, concert plans, and educational opportunities for students in the upcoming season.

-Broadcast on May 22:

A discussion on The Exchange with guest Don Wambles, Director of Ag Promotions at the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries, about the outlook for the Farm Bill. He reported from Washington, D.C., where he has met with Alabama's Congressional delegation.

-Broadcast on May 23:

A discussion with guest actors Phyllis Yvonne Stickney and Alinca Hamilton about their roles in the Alabama Shakespeare Festival's upcoming play, "Clyde's," with its message of redemption and second chances, and its relevance today.

-Broadcast on May 24 & 25:

A two-part discussion with guest Chace Barber, Co-founder and CEO of Edison Motors in British Columbia, Canada, about how they have designed trucks to run on clean energy, using batteries and generators under the hood. They also use solar power in their designs. Barber has grave concerns about the state of North America's aging Power Grid.

-Broadcast on May 29 – Memorial Day and June 30 - Rebroadcast:

A discussion with guest James Edward Brown of Troy about Gold Star Families, who have lost a family member who died while serving in the U.S. Military during war. Brown's son, John Eli Brown, died while serving as a member of the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division during Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Troy's Bicentennial Park has a monument memorializing his service.

-Broadcast on May 31:

A discussion with guest Don Noble, host of Alabama Public Television's "Bookmark," about his new podcast, Alabama Aloud, presented by Troy Public Radio. This is a groundbreaking podcast, bringing works by Alabama authors to everyone, including blind and physically disabled listeners, who until now had works by Alabama authors unavailable to them.

-Broadcast on June 5:

A discussion on The Exchange with Don Wambles, Director of Ag Promotions for the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries, about the outlook for Farmers Markets this summer.

-Broadcast on June 6:

A discussion with guest David Hicks, Director of Operations for Central Alabama CrimeStoppers, about how the organization works to bring criminals to justice through anonymous tips from the public. If a tip leads to an arrest, the person calling in the tip receives a monetary reward. Central Alabama CrimeStoppers works with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies throughout much of Alabama.

-Broadcast on June 7:

A discussion with guest Joseph Borg, retiring as Director of the Alabama Securities Commission after leading the agency since 1994. Borg expanded the agency's reach throughout the state, the nation, and internationally, with a 99% conviction rate of criminals who commit investment and securities fraud. The ASC is self-sustaining, receiving no taxpayer money from the state.

-Broadcast on June 12:

A discussion on The Exchange with guest Amanda Senn, new Director of the Alabama Securities Commission, about her priorities in leading the agency. She has a special interest in protecting the assets of senior citizens, as well as educating citizens about new methods con artists are using against them.

-Broadcast on June 15:

A discussion in The Storyline book series with guest Lt. Col. Michael Kruezer, Department Chair of International Security at the Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell Air Force Base, about the use of Drone technology in the war in Ukraine. Lt. Col. Kreuzer is the author of "Drones and the Future of Air Warfare, the Evolution of Remotely Piloted Aircraft."

-Broadcast on June 20 & 21:

A discussion with Georgia guest Mike Lutzenkirchen, father of the late Philip Lutzenkirchen, who played football for Auburn in its national championship season in 2010, about the dangers of distracted driving. Following his son's highway death in 2014, Mike founded the Lutzie43 Foundation. He works with the Georgia Department of Transportation, and he addresses colleges and schools about how young drivers can use the Lutzie43 Key checklist before starting the engine. He hopes to work with other states to help prevent highway fatalities.

-Broadcast on June 22:

A discussion in our book series with guests Christa Springs and Hung Chik Kim of AKEEP, the Alabama Korea Education and Economic Partnership organization, about the Robin Hood of Korea, "Hong Gildong, the Invincible and Righteous Outlaw."

-Broadcast on June 26:

A discussion on The Exchange with guest Monde Donaldson of the Better Business Bureau Serving Central & South Alabama about work-at-home schemes that result in people losing money, rather than making money.

B. Historical Issues:

-Broadcast on April 5:

A rebroadcast from April 2021 of a discussion with guest Dr. Tika Benveniste at UAB about her Greek family's survival of the Holocaust and their escape in World War II. April is Holocaust Remembrance Month.

-Broadcast on April 13:

A discussion with guest historian Scotty Kirkland, Coordinator of Exhibits, Publications and Programs at the Alabama Department of Archives and History, about the Dothan Riot of 1889, caused by a volatile tax that led to a shootout, a murder, and a trial. The riot illustrated the tensions between farmers and townspeople.

-Broadcast on April 20:

A discussion with guest journalist Nick Tabor, who moved to Mobile to interview the descendants of the survivors of the Clotilda, the last slave ship to arrive in the U.S. The descendants established Africatown, although some were sold upriver to Wilcox County landowners. Tabor wrote the book, "Africatown, America's Last Slave Ship; and the Community It Created."

-Broadcast on May 2:

A discussion in Florence, AL, with guest archaeologist Brian Murphy, Curator of Pope's Tavern historical site, about its mysterious past. Luminaries such as Abraham Lincoln and Andrew Jackson supposedly visited the tavern, and the local archaeology club is pursuing answers about the tavern's past. This is a History in Your Hands segment.

-Broadcast on May 4 & 9:

A two-part discussion with guest Dan T. Carter, author of the book, "Unmasking the Klansman, the Double Life of Asa and Forrest Carter," about the political life of Asa Carter, a speechwriter for Governor George Wallace and also a member of the KKK. Asa Carter then moved to Texas, where he claimed Cherokee heritage and wrote the classic, "The Education of Little Tree."

-Broadcast on June 1:

To launch Troy Public Radio's book series, a discussion with guest Jonathan Eig about his epic book, "King, A Life," with the interview focused on how Martin Luther King's time in Montgomery and the philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi shaped his approach to social change and civil rights.

-Broadcast on June 8:

A book series rebroadcast of a guest interview with the late Arun Gandhi, grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, who influenced Martin Luther King's philosophy of using nonviolence in the civil rights struggle. Arun Gandhi recounted how MLK visited India to learn more about his grandfather. The book is "The Gift of Anger and Other Lessons from My Grandfather Mahatma Gandhi."

-Broadcast on June 13:

A discussion with guest archaeologist Teresa Paglione, who was on-site in the west Alabama Blackbelt, where an archaeological survey was underway with professional archaeologists from several states and interns under an Alabama Department of Archives and History grant. The survey's goal is to determine the route of Hernando DeSoto in the 1500s, and Paglione described the types of artifacts found during the survey. This is part of the History in Your Hands series, with input from the Alabama Archaeological Society.

-Broadcast on June 14:

A discussion with guest Bob Corley, singer-songwriter and author, about the "Note Worthy" stories behind popular songs with roots in our radio coverage area. He told the story of Arlton, Alabama, resident Big Mama Thornton's "Hound Dog," which later became a hit for Elvis Presley - she only received \$500 for her recording. And he told the story of Montgomery's "Seven Bridges Road," a mega hit for The Eagles.

-Broadcast on June 16:

A discussion with guest Donna Beisel, Director of Operations at the Troy University Rosa Parks Museum, about Juneteenth, the oldest known commemoration of the end of slavery in the U.S. Beisel also previewed the scheduled events for children and adults on Saturday, when the museum welcomes the public.

-Broadcast on June 27 & 28:

A rebroadcast two-part discussion with guest Professor Michael Slobdchikoff, Chair of the Troy University Political Science Division and a commentator for BBC World News, about his Russian family's history of escaping Communist revolutions in Russia and China, before making their way to the United States.

-Broadcast on June 29:

A discussion with historian Bill Dean, Associate Professor of History at the Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell Air Force Base, about the historical context of the war in Ukraine. He is a recipient of the Civilian Educator of the Year award from the Military Officer of America Association.