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American History/Biography

Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Forgotten Genius
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 1/27/2021 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 1:43:28

NOVA presents the remarkable life story of Percy Julian -- not only one of the great African-American scientists of the 20th century, but an industrialist, self-made millionaire, humanitarian and civil-rights pioneer. The grandson of Alabama slaves, Julian won worldwide acclaim for his research in chemistry and broke the color barrier in American science more than a decade before Jackie Robinson did so in baseball. He discovered a way to turn soybeans into synthetic steroids on an industrial scale, enabling drugs like cortisone to be widely available to millions. In a special two-hour presentation, NOVA traces the vivid and moving saga of Julian's dazzling scientific achievements and sometimes stormy personal life.

Series Title: American Experience
Episode Title: Voice of Freedom
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 2/15/2021 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:43:28

Explore the fascinating life of celebrated singer Marian Anderson. In 1939, after being barred from performing at Constitution Hall because she was Black, she triumphed at the Lincoln Memorial in what became a landmark moment in American history.

Series Title: American Masters
Episode Title: Flannery
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 3/23/2021 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:30:00

Explore the life of Flannery O'Connor whose provocative fiction was unlike anything published before. Featuring never-before-seen archival footage, newly discovered journals and interviews with Mary Karr, Tommy Lee Jones, Hilton Als and more.

Culture

Series Title: PBS American Portrait
Episode Title: I Dream
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/5/2021 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:56:44

Self-shot stories explore the meaning and state of the American dream. From the desire for homeownership to ambitions for higher ed or career success, they show the hard work, opportunities and barriers that come with pursuing this ideal today.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/5/2021 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:03:38

After a week reaching yet another tragic milestone in the COVID-19 death toll, we remember five remarkable individuals in the United States who have lost their lives to the pandemic.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 174
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/1/2021 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:03:33

One of the most prominent voices advocating for a national day of remembrance for those lost to COVID-19 is Kristin Urquiza. She co-founded the advocacy group, Marked By COVID, after she lost her father to the pandemic last year. She joins Jeffrey Brown from San Francisco to discuss why the nation needs the "time and space to mourn and grieve."

Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters

Series Title: NATURE
Episode Title: Squirrel's Guide to Success on Nature, A
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/7/2021 3:00:00 AM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:44

The squirrel family – from tiny chipmunks to big prairie dogs – is one of the most widespread on Earth. There are almost 300 species of squirrels that can glide through the air, outwit rattlesnakes, and survive the coldest temperatures of any mammal. What is the secret to their success? Uncover the extraordinary abilities of these cheeky nut lovers as a filmmaker puts their problem-solving to the test on a specially designed obstacle course.

Series Title: NATURE
Episode Title: Pumas: Legends of the Ice Mountains
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/3/2021 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:44

Travel to the mountains of Chile to discover the secrets of the puma, the area's biggest and most elusive predator. Discover how this mountain lion survives and follow the dramatic fate of a puma mother and her cubs.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/11/2021 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:08:24

Japan on Thursday marked another grim anniversary: 10 years since a magnitude 9.0 earthquake off the nation's coast triggered a 130-foot-high tsunami that crashed ashore at more than 500 miles per hour. It killed thousands and triggered a nuclear disaster at a plant in Fukushima. Nick Schiffrin looks at that nuclear explosion in detail, and Grace Lee reports from Tokyo on the quake's aftermath.

Family/Marriage

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Breaking the Silences
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/5/2021 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:56:44

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. explores the family secrets of journalist Gayle King, film director Jordan Peele, and comedian Issa Rae, introducing them to ancestors who raise profound questions about the shape and meaning of their family trees.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/1/2021 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:08:57

President Biden is expected to sign a series of executive orders this week on immigration, including one setting up a task force to reunite families separated at the Mexican border under former President Trump's "zero tolerance policy." Amna Nawaz reports on two mothers in Central America who have been waiting years to be reunited with their children.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 183
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/12/2021 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:03:42

We are now into the second year of this global pandemic and since it began more than 530,000 Americans have died from COVID-19. As we do every week, we take a moment to share the lives of five extraordinary people lost to this virus.

Health/Healthcare

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/4/2021 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:04:13

In our news wrap Monday, the United Kingdom imposed a new lockdown as the coronavirus variant spreads, Washington, D.C. activates National Guard ahead of expected protests against certifying President-elect Biden's win, a British judge refuses to send WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange to the U.S., and Iran says it has ramped up uranium enrichment as the country seizes a South Korean tanker.

Series Title: Frontline
Episode Title: China's COVID Secrets
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 2/2/2021 9:30:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:30:00

The untold story of the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic and how China responded. Chinese scientists and doctors, international disease experts and health officials reveal missed opportunities to suppress the outbreak and lessons for the world.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 175
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/2/2021 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:05:26

In our news wrap Tuesday, Texas lifted its COVID mask mandate and Gov. Greg Abbott ended limits on indoor dining at restaurants, President Biden pitched his \$1.9 trillion relief bill to Senate Democrats, the U.S. is imposing economic sanctions over Alexei Navalny's poisoning and jailing in Russia, and three female media workers in Afghanistan were shot dead in attacks.

Minorities/Civil Rights

Series Title: American Masters
Episode Title: How It Feels To Be Free
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 1/18/2021 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:43:28

Explore the lives and trailblazing careers of iconic African American entertainers Lena Horne, Abbey Lincoln, Nina Simone, Diahann Carroll, Cicely Tyson and Pam Grier, who changed American culture through their films, fashion, music and politics.

Series Title: American Experience
Episode Title: Goin' Back to T-Town
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/8/2021 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:44

Even before the Civil War, African Americans, both slave and free, were settling in Oklahoma. By the turn of the century, the territory was dotted with all-black communities, but none as extraordinary as Greenwood, in Tulsa. Segregation kept blacks apart from white Tulsans, but black Greenwood thrived. Black residents built and supported two movie houses, two newspapers, 15 grocery and drug stores, 13 churches, and a number of restaurants, funeral parlors, clubs and hotels. In 1921, angry whites looted and burned Greenwood to the ground in one of the most vicious race riots the nation had ever seen. But tough, enterprising black citizens rebuilt a new Greenwood from the ashes, making it stronger and more alive than ever. By 1936, the neighborhood boasted the largest concentration of black business in the United States. But the Greenwood that fought its way back from racial violence of the 20s couldn't survive the progressive policies of integration and urban renewal of the 60s. In a nostalgic celebration of old-fashioned neighborhood life, the black residents of "T-Town" relive their community's remarkable rise and ultimate decline. Ossie Davis narrates.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/4/2021 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:07:04

A string of brutal attacks on elderly Asian Americans has brought new attention to the rise of violence and harassment of Asian Americans.

Science/Technology

Series Title: PBS NewsHour Weekend
Episode Title: Episode 55
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 1/9/2021 5:30:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:12:53

Facebook and Twitter suspended President Trump's accounts after the violence on Capitol Hill, on January 6, in a bid to prevent him from inciting further violence. Joan Donovan, research director at Harvard University's Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics and Public Policy joins to discuss what lawmakers and companies need to do to address the weaponization of social media and disinformation.

Series Title: Beyond the Elements on NOVA
Episode Title: Reactions
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/3/2021 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Demonstration/Instructional
Segment Length: 00:56:44

Discover the chemical reactions that constantly transform our world. Like one that enables us to feed billions but when reversed, is explosive. And lock-and-key molecules that put the heat in hot peppers or make deadly venoms useful to medicine.

Series Title: Independent Lens
Episode Title: Coded Bias
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 3/22/2021 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:30:00

When MIT Media Lab researcher Joy Buolamwini discovers most facial recognition does not see dark-skinned faces or women with accuracy, she joins the fight to expose the threats to civil liberties posed by an increasingly data-driven, automated world.

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Capitol Journal

1/8/21, 7:30p, 1 hour Issues discussed: Government, crime, economic, health

Congressman Gary Palmer of Hoover joined us to reflect on the uprising at the U.S. capitol that week and his contention that President Trump bore some responsibility. We were joined by Senate President Pro Tem Del Marsh of Anniston, who discussed the DC violence, as well as his plan to bring a new a lottery bill. And State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris talked with us about the worsening pandemic and about challenges in the vaccination process.

1/15/21, 7:30p, 1 hour Issues discussed: Government, health

Congressman Robert Aderholt of Haleyville joined to discuss that week's U.S. House vote to impeach President Donald Trump for a historic second time. State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris was also with us to talk about mounting problems with coronavirus vaccine distribution. And Senator Gerald Allen of Tuscaloosa joined us to discuss his plan to fight a move to repeal his Monuments Preservation Act in the new legislative session.

1/22/21, 7:30p, 1 hour Issues discussed: Government, health, race

Congressman Jerry Carl of Mobile joined us to discuss his reaching out to new Democratic President Joe Biden and his concerns over some of Biden's first executive orders. We were also joined by Senator Malika Sanders Fortier of Selma, who talked with us about her bill that would give local lawmakers the authority to consider renaming the historic Edmund Pettus Bridge. And State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris was with us to discuss efforts to ramp up distribution of the coronavirus vaccine.

1/29/21, 7:30p, 1 hour Issued discussed: Government, crime, health

Lt. Gov. Will Ainsworth joined us to talk about the upcoming impeachment trial of former President Donald Trump and about preparations for the looming start of the legislative session. Speaker of the House Mac McCutcheon was also with to discuss how the pandemic will affect lawmakers' work and the prospects for a special session. And State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris joined us to talk about Alabama getting more coronavirus vaccine and opening up eligibility to more people.

2/1/21, 10:30p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Government, crime, health, economic, education

We reported on Gov. Kay Ivey signing private lease deals to build two new men's prisons. We also reported on the state health department launching a new online portal for making coronavirus vaccination appointments. And we were joined by Rep. Jamie Kiel of Russellville, who discussed his bills that would both allow businesses to stay open during pandemic states of emergency and give local school boards a say in extended school closures.

2/2/21, 6p, 90 minutes Issues discussed: Government, economic, education, health

We presented a LIVE broadcast of Gov. Kay Ivey's 2021 State of the State address. We began with pre-speech analysis from former Senator Bryan Taylor of Birmingham and from political scientist Dr. Natalie Davis of Birmingham. The governor's address was followed by the official Democratic response from Rep. Jeremy Gray of Opelika.

2/3/21, 10:30p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Government, health, crime

We reported on a medical marijuana bill clearing its first legislative hurdle. We also reported on committee approval of another bill that would give state businesses certain protection from pandemic-related lawsuits. And we were joined by Rep. Mike Holmes of Wetumpka, who will discuss his concerns over Gov. Kay Ivey's prison lease deal. Holmes will also talk about his proposed bill that would strengthen the Memorial Preservation Act.

2/4/21, 10:30p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Government, health, economic

We reported on the legislature moving three priority bills dealing with COVID liability for businesses, tax exemptions for federal virus relief money, and extending economic incentives. And Rep. Chip Brown of Hollinger's Island joined us to discuss his bills that would bar discrimination against those who decide not to get a virus vaccination, and another that would withhold tax incentives from companies that he believes censor free speech on their media platforms.

2/5/21, 7:30p, 1 hour Issues discussed: Government, crime, economic, health

We recapped the first week of the legislative session with new Senate President Pro Tem Greg Reed of Jasper, who also discussed Gov. Kay Ivey's controversial prison lease deal. New Senate Majority Leader Clay Scofield of Guntersville talked with us about his new position and about his particular priority: broadband expansion. And State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris joined us to discuss the next week's coronavirus vaccine eligibility expansion.

2/8/21, 10:30p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Government, health, economic

We reported on U.S. Senator Richard Shelby officially announcing that he would retire next year after 42 years in Washington. We also reported on that day's opening of mass COVID vaccination clinics around the state, and about expanded eligibility. We were joined by Dr. Mary McIntyre, the Chief Medical Officer for the state health department, who discussed a particular effort to encourage African Americans to get the shots. We were also joined by Alabama Labor Secretary Fitzgerald Washington, who talked with us about a steady decline in our unemployment numbers.

2/9/21, 10:30p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Government, crime, race, education

We reported on the House passing a bill that would allow some non-violent offenders to be considered for new, shorter sentences. We also reported on a new bill that would block new federal gun control laws in Alabama. We were joined by Rep. Juandalynn Givan of Birmingham,

who discussed her legislation to amend the Memorial Preservation Act heading to committee. And we were also joined by Rep. Parker Moore of Hartselle, who talked about his bill that would allow retired teachers to work a full academic year without losing their benefits.

2/10/21, 10:30p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Government, economic, youth

We reported on committee approval of a new, comprehensive lottery and gambling expansion bill. We were joined by Robbie McGhee with the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, who discussed the bill's authorizing a gaming compact with the tribe, if voters ultimately approve. We also reported on lawmakers advancing a bill that would ban transgender surgeries and therapies on minors. And Sen. Tom Whatley of Auburn was with us to discuss his legislation that would curtail the governor's authority to declare a state of emergency.

2/11/21, 10:30p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Government, economic, health

We reported on the Senate debating new lottery and gaming legislation. We were joined by Rep. Pebblin Warren of Tuskegee, who discussed how the gambling bill would affect her district, which includes Victoryland. We also reported on the House giving final passage to a priority bill that would grant limited protection to businesses and other entities against COVID-19-related lawsuits. And we were also joined by Rep. Becky Nordgren of Gadsden, who talked with us about her bill that proposes authorizing the legislature to call itself into special session.

2/12/21, 7:30p, 1 hour Issues discussed: Government, economic, health

We had a complete wrap-up of the legislative week. We were joined by Sen. Del Marsh of Anniston, who discussed the sweeping gambling expansion bill that he introduced that week. We were also joined by Secretary of State John Merrill, who talked with us about possibly running for retiring U.S. Senator Richard Shelby's seat next year, election integrity and its role, as Merrill sees it, in the presidential impeachment trial. And State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris joined us to discuss wrapping up mass vaccination clinics held around the state that week.

2/19/21, 7:30p, 1 hour Issues discussed: Government, crime, health

Gov. Kay Ivey joined us to discuss the gambling bill, her private lease prison plan, and bills to curtail the governor's authority. We were also joined by U.S. Sen. Tommy Tuberville, talked with us about his vote to acquit former President Trump, his phone call with Trump on the day of the capitol insurrection, and President Biden's COVID relief plan. And State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris was with us to discuss how that week's winter weather affected our virus vaccination efforts and our supply of the vaccine.

2/22/21, 10:30p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Government, economic, crime

We previewed the upcoming legislative week, including an expected Senate vote on a sweeping lottery and gambling expansion bill. We were joined by Sen. Clyde Chambliss of Prattville, who called the legislation both transformative and somewhat concerning. We were also joined by Joe Godfrey, Executive Director of the Alabama Citizens Action Program, who talked about his group's opposition to the gambling bill. We also reported on expected upcoming House action on closely-watched bail reform legislation.

2/23/21, 11p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Government, economic, crime, health

We reported on Sen. Del Marsh delaying debate on his gambling constitutional amendment while he continued to work on the enabling legislation. We also reported on the House unanimously approving 'Aniah's Law,' which would give state judges greater discretion in denying bail to suspects charged with violent crimes. We were joined by Rep. Allen Treadaway of Morris, who discussed his bill that would toughen the penalties for rioting. And Rep. Ritchie Whorton of Owens Cross Roads joined us to discuss his legislation that would prohibit government-mandated vaccinations.

2/24/21, 10:30p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Government, health, youth, education

We reported on the Senate approving a bill that would legalize the use of medical marijuana in the state. We also reported on House committee approval of legislation that would ban certain transgender treatments for minors. We were joined by Rep. Matt Simpson of Daphne, who discussed his legislation that would reimburse some first responders for certain PTSD treatment costs. We were also joined by Rep. Tommy Hanes of Bryant and Clint Reid with the College Republican Federation of Alabama, who discussed legislation that would not allow Confucius Institutes on Alabama college and university campuses.

2/25/21, 10:30p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Government, health, crime, youth

We reported on Gov. Ivey saying that she hoped to lift the statewide mask mandate 'before too long.' We also reported on House Democrats releasing their 2021 legislative agenda, with priorities including voting rights and criminal justice reform. We were joined by Rep. Scott Stadthagen of Hartselle, who discussed committee passage of his bill that would prohibit transgender athletes in K-12 sports. We were joined by Rep. Andrew Sorrell of Muscle Shoals, who discussed his constitutional carry legislation.

2/26/21, 7:30p, 1 hour Issues discussed: Government, health, race, race, health

We had a complete wrap-up of the legislative week. We were joined by Sen. Jabo Waggoner of Vestavia Hills, who discussed that week's Senate passage of medical marijuana legislation and a delay in taking up a big gambling bill. We were also joined by House Minority Leader Anthony Daniels of Huntsville, who talked with us about voting rights and criminal justice reform being top priorities for his caucus in the new session. And State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris joined us to discuss his call for Alabamians to not be choosy about which virus vaccine product they are offered.

3/1/21, 10:30p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Government, health, education

We reported on the legislative week ahead, including expected House action on a bill that would increase legislative oversight of contracts or leases initiated by the governor that exceed 10-million dollars. We also reported on expected committee action that week on a bill that would do away with the State Health Officer and create a cabinet level Secretary of Health. Superintendent of Education Dr. Eric Mackey joined us to discuss the continued drop in COVID

cases in state schools. And State Auditor Jim Zeigler was with us to talk about a bill that would fold the Office of Examiners of Public Accounts into his office.

3/2/21, 10:30p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Government, health

We reported on the Senate ok'ing a ban on transgender medical procedures on minors. We also reported on the House approving legislation to give lawmakers more oversight of certain executive contracts. We were joined by Rep. Laura Hall of Huntsville, who discussed her bill to make no-excuse absentee voting permanent in the state. And Rep. David Wheeler of Vestavia Hills was also with us to talk about his legislation that would require an advisory board to weigh-in on directives issued by the Jefferson County Health Officer.

3/3/21, 10:30p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Government, health, race

We reported on a Senate committee advancing a bill that would do away with the State Health Officer and create a new cabinet level position. We also reported on a House committee rejecting legislation that would amend the Memorial Preservation Act. We were joined by Rep. K.L. Brown of Jacksonville, discussed his distracted driving bill. And the newest member of the Alabama House, Rep. Ben Robbins of Sylacauga, joined us to talk about his first month on the job.

3/4/21, 10:30p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Government, health, economic.

We reported on Gov. Kay Ivey announcing that she was extending the statewide masking mandate for one last month, until April 9th. We also reported on Sen. Del Marsh saying that he would bring his gambling expansion bill up for a Senate vote the next week. We were joined by Sen. Jim McClendon of Springville, who discussed his bill to do away with the State Health Officer and create a new cabinet level position. And Rep. Mike Jones of Andalusia was with us to discuss his bill to give the legislature oversight of executive contracts worth at least 10-million dollars.

3/5/21, 7:30p, 1 hour Issues discussed: Government, youth, health

We had a complete wrap-up of the legislative week. Rep. Wes Allen of Troy will joined us to discuss his bill to ban transgender medical treatments for minors and a similar plan passing the Senate that week. We were also joined by State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris, who discussed the mask mandate extension, more virus vaccine, and the bill to do away with his job. And new Alabama Republican Party Chairman John Wahl of Athens was with us to discuss his new role, his goals, and party politics.

3/8/21, 10:30p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Government, economic, health

We reported on an expected Senate vote that week on the bill that would set up a lottery and allow casinos and sports betting in the state. We also reported on an anticipated House vote on the proposed 2.4-billion dollar General Fund budget. And we were joined by new Alabama Department of Mental Health Commissioner Kimberly Boswell, who talked with about a big increase for her agency under the General Fund, including money for three new mental health

crisis diversion centers around the state. Boswell also discussed the mental health aspects of the pandemic.

3/9/21, 10:30p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Government, economic, health, crime

We reported on the Senate defeating the big gambling expansion bill by a vote of 19-13. We were joined by Sen. Larry Stutts of Tuscumbia, who discussed his concerns with the legislation. We also reported on the House approving a 2.4-billion-dollar General Fund budget. And we were joined by Rep. Proncey Robertson of Mount Hope, who talked about his lifetime concealed carry permit bill.

3/10/21, 10:30p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Government, health, youth, economic

We reported on legislative committees debating medical marijuana and transgender youth bills. We also reported on a couple of new lottery bills introduced in the wake of the previous day's gambling amendment failure. We were joined by Sen. Garlan Gudger of Cullman, who introduced one of the new lottery bills. We also talked with the newest member of the Senate, Kirk Hatcher of Montgomery, about his election the previous week and about going right to work.

3/11/21, 10:30p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Government, crime, health, economic

We reported on the Senate delaying a vote on a bill that would curtail the governor's emergency powers. We also reported on the House approving a bill that would make it illegal to 'dox' law enforcement and first responders. It also approved another bill that would allow yoga in public schools. We were joined by Sen. Will Barfoot of Pike Road, who discussed his bill to give the legislature the authority to call itself into special session. And Rep. Kelvin Lawrence of Hayneville was with us to talk about his bill that would allow para mutuel wagering on simulcast horse and dog racing in Lowndes County.

3/12/21, 7:30p, 1 hour Issues discussed: Government, health, race, crime, youth

We had a complete wrap-up of the legislative week. We were joined by State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris, who marked the first anniversary of the pandemic and discussed further expanding vaccine eligibility. We were also joined by Hobson City Mayor Alberta McCrory, who talked about a major effort to combat vaccine hesitancy among African Americans. Corrections Commissioner Jeff Dunn and Pardons and Parole Director Cam Ward were with us to discuss a renewed collaboration to try to solve our prison problems. And David Fuller and his daughter, Jess, of Gadsden joined us to discuss their opposition to a bill that would ban certain transgender medical treatments for minors.

3/15/21, 10:30p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Government, education, health, youth, crime

We previewed the upcoming legislative week. Included: expected Senate action on an emergency powers bill and on the education budget and House action on a bill that would ban curbside voting. We also reported on scheduled committee action on measures dealing with medical marijuana, transgender youth and rioting. We were joined by Attorney General Steve Marshall, who discussed his lawsuit accusing the U.S. Census Bureau of delaying and

manipulating crucial census data. We were also joined by Jane Adams with the Cover Alabama Coalition, who discussed a renewed push for Medicaid expansion in the state.

3/16/21, 10:30p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Government, environment, education, youth, health, crime

We reported on the governor declaring a state of emergency ahead of expected bad weather. We also reported on a Senate committee approving 7.6-billion dollar education budget and House committees passing transgender youth and riot bills. Rep. Barbara Drummond joined us to discuss her bill to raise the age to buy nicotine products to 21. And Rep. Shane Stringer talked with us about his legislation that would set up penalties for 'doxing' public officials.

3/17/21, 10:30p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Government, environment, economic, crime, health

We reported on the state calling for vigilance as a severe weather threat continued overnight. We reported on a Senate committee approving a lottery bill amidst talk that casinos might still be a future option. We also reported on another Senate committee further advancing closely-watched bail reform legislation. We were joined by Rep. Steve McMillan of Foley, who discussed a controversial rioting bill heading to the House floor. And MG Jerry Martin, the assistant Adjutant General of the Alabama National Guard, also joined us to talk about helping with mobile virus vaccination clinics starting the next week.

3/18/21, 10:30p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Government, education, crime, youth

We reported on the Senate passing a record 7.6-billion-dollar education budget. We also reported on the House passing closely-watched rioting and transgender athlete bills. We were joined by Rep. Chris Blackshear of Phenix City, who discussed his bill that would make it illegal to vote in Alabama and another state in the same election. We were also joined by Rep. Steve Hurst of Munford, who discussed his bill that would designate part of the road leading to Cheaha State Park as a Scenic Highway.

3/19/21, 7:30p, 1 hour Issues discussed: Government, economic, education, health, race

We were joined by Sen. Del Marsh of Anniston, who discussed new legislative hope for his comprehensive gambling plan. We were also joined by Sen. Arthur Orr of Decatur, who talked with us about Senate passage of a record Alabama education budget. State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris joined us to discuss the next week's eligibility expansion for virus vaccinations. And had a special segment commemorating the 80th anniversary of the creation of the military unit that became known as the Tuskegee Airmen.

3/26/21, 7:30p, 1 hour Issues discussed: Government, environment, economic, education, health

We reported on the devastation left behind by a deadly Alabama tornado outbreak. Senate Majority Leader Clay Scofield of Guntersville joined us to discuss what was ahead in the second half of the legislative session. Senator Greg Albritton of Atmore was also with us to talk about a new lottery bill and a renewed debate over comprehensive gambling legislation.

Superintendent of Education Dr. Eric Mackey joined us to discuss new social distancing guidelines for Alabama schools. And State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris was with us to talk about increasing vaccine supplies and getting more shots in arms.

3/29/21, 10:30p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Government, environment, youth

We had a preview of the upcoming legislative week. We reported on Gov. Kay Ivey touring tornado damage. We were joined by Greg Cochran with the Alabama League of Municipalities and Sonny Brasfield with the Association of County Commissions of Alabama, who discussed the challenges faced by local governments in the aftermath of the bad weather. And Rep. Charlotte Meadows of Montgomery was with us to talk about her bill dealing with runoffs and special elections, and her amendment to legislation that would ban certain transgender medical treatments for minors.

3/30/21, 10:30p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Government, crime, health, environment

We reported on a filibuster slowing down the Senate before it considered the bail reform bill known as 'Aniah's Law.' We also reported on Congresswoman Terri Sewell visiting National Guard vaccination clinics in Lowndes and Dallas counties. We were joined by Rep. K.L. Brown of Jacksonville, who discussed the deadly tornado that struck part of his district the previous week. We were also joined by Rep. Ralph Howard of Greensboro, who also talked about tornado damage in his district. Howard further discussed his opposition to a controversial riot bill.

3/31/21, 10:30p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Government, crime, youth, health

We reported on a House committee approving a bill to repeal the state's Habitual Felony Offender Act, after some heated debate. We also reported on a Senate committee approving a bill that would mandate that state school athletes could only participate in sports according to the gender on their birth certificates. We were joined by Rep. Kyle South of Fayette, who discussed his bill that would allow student athletes to profit from their names, images and likenesses. And Rep. Ginny Shaver of Leesburg was with us to talk about her 'born alive' abortion legislation.

Spotlight on Education

1/21/21, 8p, 1 hour Issues discussed: Government, education, health, economic

Tonight (1/21) at 8pm on SPOTLIGHT ON EDUCATION: Superintendent of Education Dr. Eric Mackey joined us to discuss delayed teacher coronavirus vaccinations and hopes for an eventual return to in-person learning. Jim Purcell with the Alabama Commission on Higher Education was with us to talk about how colleges and universities have fared during the pandemic. And Judson College President Dr. Mark Tew joined us to discuss a huge fundraising effort that allowed the state's only women's college to remain open.

Alabama Gospel Roots

1/2/21, 8p, 1 hour Issues discussed: Culture

Gospel musical guests included Rev. Cedric Williams and the Williams Brothers of Cedar Bluff, Alabama.

1/9/21, 8p, 1 hour Issues discussed: Culture

Gospel music guests included Brittany Cole of Jasper, Alabama and Darrell Luster of Jackson, Mississippi.

1/16/21, 8p, 1 hour Issues discussed: Culture

Gospel music guests included Kwatasian Hunt, the Greg Brown Trumpetaires of Huntsville, Alabama.

1/23/21, 8p, 1 hour Issues discussed: Culture

Gospel music guests included ReJeana Leeth and New Grace, The Cleghorn Family.

1/30/21, 8p, 1 hour Issues discussed: Culture

Gospel music guests included Roscoe Robinson of Birmingham, Alabama, Doug Brewer of Graysville, Alabama, Bama Blu Grace of Cullman, Alabama.

2/6/21, 8p, 1 hour Issues discussed: Culture

Gospel music guests included Kelvin J. Chester of Abbeville, Alabama, Ginger Nelms of Lafayette, Georgia.

2/13/21, 8p, 1 hour Issues discussed: Culture

Gospel music guests included Ruben Studdard of Birmingham, Alabama, Day Three of Mobile, Alabama.

2/20/21, 8p, 1 hour Issues discussed: Culture

Gospel music guests included RaShun Walker and THEE Ensemble, Gordon Mote of Warrior, Alabama.

3/21/21, 8p, 1 hour Issues discussed: Culture

Gospel music guests included Glory Echoes of Huntsville, Alabama, Chosen Generation.

3/28/21, 8p, 1 hour Issues discussed: Culture

Gospel music guests included Family of Faith of Blount County, Alabama, Charlie Beavers of Birmingham, Alabama.

Alabama Upstarts

2/7/21, 1p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Economic

Alabamians attempting to start a new business pitch to investors and judges.

2/14/21, 1p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Economic

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DIY Science Time

3/19/21, 9:30a, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Education, youth

Topic: using the engineering design process to build a solar balloon

3/26/21, 9:30a, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Education, youth

Topic: creating a magnet-powered race car. The program explores harnessing the power of magnets to explore magnetic fields, attraction and repulsion.

Spotlight on Agriculture

2/18/21, 9p, 1 hour Issues discussed: Education, environment

Topic: HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology is working with Auburn University to figure out how to develop more plant species that would be commercially viable for Alabama agriculture.

Monograph

3/18/21, 9:30p, 30 minutes Issues discussed: Culture

Topic: Vinegar projects, an artist-led non-profit based in Birmingham, Alabama.