

**Public Radio Stations of  
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Quarterly Issues and Programs Report  
for the period of January 1, 2013 to March 31, 2013



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**EDUCATION**

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*The licensee of the eight-station public radio network,  
the Mississippi Authority for Educational Television,  
has determined that these issues were of importance to the  
citizens of Mississippi during the first quarter of 2013.*

*The following list contains the most significant programming addressing those issues.*

## MINORITY CONCERNS

Weekend Edition

Air Date: 01/05/13

Length: 5:57

The King Years': An Intersection of Race and Politics

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 01/21/13 – 8a Newscast

Length: 3:59

**One Mississippi Schools Take Of MLK And Robert E. Lee Day...** Schools around the country close in remembrance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. But schools in the Deep South are also observing the birthday of Confederate General, Robert E. Lee.

All Things Considered

Air Date: 01/21/13

Length: 9:17

How Large Does President Obama Stand In Black History?

Fresh Air

Air Date: 01/21/13

Length: 38:11

“Double V”: The Fight for Civil Rights in the U. S. Military

Tell Me More

Air Date: 02/04/13

Length: 10:43

African Americans Fly High with Math and Science

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 02/07/13 - 6a, 7a, 8a Newscast

Length: 2:11

**USM has a New President and it's a Historic Hire...** “You know fresh face, someone that's really eager to be involved in the student body and really putting emphasis on recruiting new students. And the president being there and being seen by the student body as not just being someone in higher authority.”

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 02/08/13 – 7a, 8a Newscast

Length: 1:50

**Report: Black Students Face Harsher Discipline...** A new study from the Children's Defense Fund says black children in Mississippi public schools are more than twice as likely to be disciplined or punished than white students.

News Segment (Local Production)  
Air Date: 02/12/13 – 7a, 8a Newscast  
Length: 1:59

**African American Women in Mississippi are 11 times More Likely to be Diagnosed with HIV...** “If you care about this person tell them and ya'll talk about it. And you give me a chance to decide if I wanna be with you or you wanna be with me.”

Fresh Air  
Air Date: 02/14/13  
Length: 38:13

“Klansville, U.S.A.” Chronicles the Rise and fall of The KKK

News Segment (Local Production)  
Air Date: 02/27/13 – 6a, 7a Newscast  
Length: 3:24

**“Bring Back the White Kids”:** A Fight to Integrate in Rural Mississippi... School segregation in Tate County, Mississippi, has spurred debate about the concept of separate but equal. Mainly, whether it's possible.

Tell Me More  
Air Date: 03/07/13  
Length: 17:36

College Diversity Issues Continue After Admissions

News Segment (Local Production)  
Air Date: 03/11/13 – 8a Newscast  
Length: 1:58

**Unemployment Rates for African American Teens Turn Upward...** The city of Jackson is trying to help young people get a jump on finding summer employment. Yesterday more than fifty local businesses were on hand to discuss job opportunities.

News Segment (Local Production)  
Air Date: 03/20/13 – 7a, 8a Newscast  
Length: 1:52

**A program to get more African American Girls Interested in Engineering is headed to Mississippi...** As women continue to make strides in fields like law and medicine that's not the case when it comes to engineering.

All Things Considered (Weekend Edition)  
Air Date: 03/23/13  
Length: 7:06

Integrated Baseball, a Decade before Jackie Robinson

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 3/26/13 – 6a, 7a, 8a Newscast

Length: 1:46

**LGBT Supporters Rally at Capitol...** Supporters of same sex marriage in Mississippi rallied on the steps of the state Capitol as the U.S. Supreme Court hears arguments on two gay marriage cases. MPB's Daniel Cherry reports, supporters say they want equal treatment under the law.

Weekend Edition

Air Date: 03/31/13

Length: 2:17

Old Newspapers Shed New Light on Emmett Till Murder

## EDUCATION

Morning Edition

Air Date: 01/07/13

Length: 4:52

Triage System Helps Colleges Treat Mentally Ill Students

Morning Edition

Air Date: 01/09/13

Length: 4:38

Elite Colleges Struggle To Recruit Smart, Low-Income Kids

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 01/17/13 – 7a, 8a Newscast

Length: 1:59

**Report: Mississippi Schools Too Harsh on Students...** A new report claims Mississippi schools are dispensing too heavy punishment for the crime.

All Things Considered (Weekend)

Air Date: 01/19/13

Length: 11:29

New Reading Standards Aim to Prep Kids For College - But At What Cost?

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 01/22/13 – 7a, 8a Newscast

Length: 2:00

**Two Mississippi Universities Offer Scholarships to Future Teachers...** “We're talking about full tuition, room and board, their books, all of the technical equipment that they'll need. We're going to have study abroad that we're going to provide for them to be able to travel to other places. And these students are students that are going to have to be eligible to be members of our respective honors colleges on our two campuses. So these are outstanding students to start with.”

Tell Me More

Air Date: 01/22/13

Length: 16:53

Do We Still Need HBCUs?

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 01/24/13 – 6a, 7a Newscast

Length: 1:56

**Mississippi House Approves Charter School Bill...** Mississippi Representatives get their first chance to debate a charter school bill.

All Things Considered

Air Date: 02/14/13

Length: 5:22

Study: Pre-K Investment Pays Off With Higher Incomes, Reduced Crime

All Things Considered

Air Date: 02/19/13

Length: 4:05

Some "Cyber Schools" Falling Short Of Their Sales Pitch

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 02/27/13 – 7a Newscast

Length: 1:41

**"Third Grade Gate" Clears another Legislative Hurdle...** Mississippi third graders could soon be repeating early grades.

All Things Considered (Weekend)

Air Date: 03/10/13

Length: 5:03

Are There Too Many Ph.D.s and Not Enough Jobs?

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 03/14/13- 6a, 7a, 8a Newscast

Length: 1:40

**Gov. Bryant Signs School Prayer Bill...** The bill is intended to clarify what type of religious expression is allowed in school.

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 03/18/13 – 6a Newscast

Length: 1:46

**GED Test Changes Bring Challenges...** Thousands of Mississippians in adult education classes are in danger of losing all their progress towards a GED due to changes to the program. MPB's Daniel Cherry reports, students will have to pass all 5 parts of the test by December 31st or start all over again.

Tell Me More

Air Date: 03/21/13

Length: 12:56

School Closings: How Administrations Decide

Morning Edition

Air Date: 03/27/13

Length: 4:31

A Hot Topic: Climate Change Coming To Classrooms

## ECONOMY

Morning Edition

Air Date: 01/01/13

Length: 3:29

New Year Brings Minimum Wage Hikes in 10 States

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 01/08/13 – 7a Newscast

Length: 1:49

**Study: Pell Grant Restrictions Hurt Mississippi Students...** Nearly three thousand Mississippi community college students lost their Pell Grants in fall 2012. MPB's Daniel Cherry reports, a higher education researcher says that could put a college education out of reach for many students.

Morning Edition

Air Date: 01/10/13

Length: 3:25

New Mortgage Rules Would Limit Risky Lending

All Things Considered

Air Date: 01/15/13

Length: 3:30

Wal-Mart Offers Jobs to Any New Veterans with an Honorable Discharge

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 01/30/13 – 6a, 7a Newscast

Length: 1:49

**Mayors Ask for Local Option Sales Tax...** Mississippi mayors are once again pleading with lawmakers to allow municipalities to raise sales taxes on themselves.

All Things Considered

Air Date: 01/30/13

Length: 3:50

U.S. Economy Shrinks for First Time in Over Three Years

Tell Me More

Air Date: 02/07/13

Length: 12:02

Ending Saturday Delivery, End of Post Office?

News Segment (Local Production)  
Air Date: 02/13/13 – 7a, 8a, Newscast  
Length: 2:00

**How Will the President's Plan to Raise Minimum Wage Affect Mississippi...** “As people come out of poverty there is a positive impact for the taxpayer who has been subsidizing programs such as food stamps and earned income tax credit. So it could be a sizable impact on the public coffers to not have to pay for those programs.”

Weekend Edition  
Air Date: 02/17/13  
Length: 4:38  
Working Late: In Tough Economy, Retirement Gets Pushed Back

News Segment (Local Production)  
Air Date: 02/28/13 – 6a, 7a, 8a Newscast  
Length: 2:09

**How Will Sequestration Cuts Impact Mississippi...** “If you're talking about reducing \$14 million dollars from Mississippi's Head Start budget just think about 7 times that 14.”

Tell Me More  
Air Date: 03/05/13  
Length: 17:38  
Not Having Kids Bad for the Economy?

News Segment (Local Production)  
Air Date: 03/08/13 – 7a, 8a Newscast  
Length: 1:57

**Identify Theft is One of the Fastest Growing Crimes in Mississippi...** “They took checks and started writing checks and we thought we got that all handled. And literally four years later those checks started popping up again.”

News Segment (Local Production)  
Air Date: 03/11/13 -7a Newscast  
Length: 2:00

**Unemployment Rates for African American Teens Turn Upward...** The city of Jackson is trying to help young people get a jump on finding summer employment. Yesterday more than fifty local businesses were on hand to discuss job opportunities.

All Things Considered  
Air Date: 03/19/13  
Length: 4:39  
How the Federal Budget Is Just Like Your Family Budget (Or Not)



## GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS AND POLITICS

All Things Considered

Air Date: 01/02/13

Length: 6:10

“Stand Your Ground” Linked To Increase in Homicides

Weekend Edition

Air Date: 01/05/13

Length: 2:45

What Difference Will More Women Make In Congress?

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 01/07/13 – 6a, 7a, 8a Newscast

Length: 1:44

**Public Health Advocates Call for Medicaid Expansion...** A group of hospitals and public health advocates want the state to expand the Medicaid program.

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 01/09/13 – 7a, 8a Newscast

Length: 2:01

**Concealed Weapon Permit Applications Spike in Mississippi...** The number of Mississippians applying for permits have more than doubled in the past five years. MPB's Daniel Cherry reports...

Tell Me More

Air Date: 01/09/13

Length: 13:00

What the Emancipation Proclamation Didn't Do

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 01/11/13 – 8a Newscast

Length: 1:51

**Mississippi Leaders Look to Improve School Safety...** Lawmakers and state agency heads look for ways to make Mississippi schools more secure.

Morning Edition

Air Date: 01/17/13

Length: 4:24

Obama Calls On Congress to Act to Reduce Gun Violence

All Things Considered

Air Date: 01/21/13

Length: 5:06

Obama the First President to Mention Gay Rights in Inaugural Address

All Things Considered

Air Date: 02/01/13

Length: 3:35

White House Tries Again To Find Compromise on Contraception

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 02/12/13 – 6a, 7a Newscast

Length: 1:44

**State Lawmakers Look to Privatize Child Support Collection...** Mississippi could take a second shot at privatizing child support.

Weekend Edition

Air Date: 02/17/13

Length: 7:20

Gun Control: The View from the NRA

Weekend Edition

Air Date: 02/23/13

Length: 3:29

Getting the 13th Amendment Passed In Mississippi, Just A Little Late

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 02/28/13 – 6a, 7a, 8a Newscast

Length: 1:49

**Mississippi Lawmakers Considering Letting School Staff Carry Guns...** State lawmakers could look to staff to be a first line of defense at schools.

All Things Considered

Air Date: 02/28/13

Length: 3:59

House Passes Expansion of Violence against Women Act

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 03/01/13 – 8a Newscast

Length: 2:09

**Mississippians Weigh the Future of the Voting Rights Act...** “After the passage of the Voting Rights Act, after the implementation of section five of that act we have seen every year and increased number who are registered to vote.”

Morning Edition

Air Date: 03/01/13

Length: 5:27

Why Republicans Are Out Of Step with Young Voters

All Things Considered

Air Date: 03/13/13

Length: 3:55

Sexual Assault Victims: Military's Criminal Justice System Is Broken

News Segment (Local Production)

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Length: 1:41

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News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 03/18/13 – 7a, 8a Newscast

Length: 1:57

**Mississippians Reflect Ten Years after the Invasion of Iraq...** Today marks the ten year anniversary of the invasion of Iraq.

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 03/25/13 – 8a Newscast

Length: 2:06

**Mississippians React to the U.S. Supreme Court Case on Gay Marriage...** A recent ABC News poll found that 58 percent of Americans support legalizing marriage for gay and lesbian couples. But in some states, especially in the South, opposition remains strong.

Morning Edition

Air Date: 03/27/13

Length: 8:56

DOMA Challenge Tests Federal Definition of Marriage

## HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE

Morning Edition

Air Date: 01/02/13

Length: 3:55

Research: A Little Extra Fat May Help You Live Longer

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 01/09/13 – 7a, 8a Newscast

Length: 1:38

**Flu Season Hits Hard and Early in Mississippi...** This winter has seen the earliest flu outbreak in more than a decade. Since early October at least 18 children across the U.S. have died from the flu, none were from Mississippi.

All Things Considered

Air Date: 01/09/13

Length: 3:22

U.S. Ranks Below 16 Other Rich Countries in Health Report

Tell Me More

Air Date: 01/23/13

Length: 6:25

How Would Better Mental Health Care Reduce Gun Violence?

Morning Edition

Air Date: 01/24/13

Length: 3:42

Female Smokers Face Greater Risk Than Previously Thought

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 02/01/13 – 7a, 8a Newscast

Length: 1:43

**Dental Care Lacking for Miss. Children...** Tooth decay is the number one chronic illness affecting children in America.

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 02/04/13 – 7a Newscast

Length: 1:59

**Raising Awareness of Heart Disease in Women...** “I was told that the older you get the stiffer the heart and that's what I'm trying to prevent it from getting it much stiffer.”

News Segment (Local Production)

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All Things Considered (Weekend)

Air Date: 02/17/13

Length: 11:29

How Safe Is Our Meat?

All Things Considered

Air Date: 02/21/13

Length: 5:05

Morning- After Pills Don't Cause Abortion, Studies Say

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 02/22/13 – 8a Newscast

Length: 1:47

**Flu Vaccine Failing to Protect Elderly Residents...** This season's vaccine is doing little to protect elderly residents from the worst and most dominate strains of the flu virus. MPB's Daniel Cherry reports, Mississippi has been one of the hardest hit states for the flu this year.

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 02/27/13 – 6a, 7a, 8a Newscast

Length: 2:14

**First Lady Michelle Obama Visits Two Clinton Elementary Schools to Talk about Healthy Eating...** First Lady Michelle Obama is praising Mississippi's effort to reduce childhood obesity by 13 percent.

Morning Edition

Air Date: 02/27/13

Length: 3:40

Younger Women Have Rising Rate of Advanced Breast Cancer, Study Says

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 02/28/13 – 6a, 7a, 8a Newscast

Length: 2:11

**First Lady Michelle Obama Salutes Obesity Efforts in Mississippi...** Even though Mississippi has seen a reduction in its childhood obesity rates it still remains the fattest state in the country.

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 03/04/13 – 6a, 7a, 8a Newscast

Length: 1:56

**HIV/AIDS Prevention Advocates Cautiously Optimistic about Cure...** HIV and AIDS prevention advocates in Mississippi are cautiously optimistic about what is being celebrated as a possible cure for HIV in children. MPB's Daniel Cherry reports...

Morning Edition

Air Date: 03/04/13

Length: 4:13

Scientists Report First Cure of HIV in A Child, Say It's a Game-Changer

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 03/04/13 – 6a, 7a, 8a Newscast

Length: 6:47

**Mississippi Child Cured of HIV...** Doctors at UMMC announced on Sunday that a 2 year-old that had been treated for HIV at the hospital, has been cured. MPB News's Ezra Wall spoke with the pediatrician at the helm of this extraordinary discovery, Dr. Hanna Gay.

All Things Considered

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Length: 3:51

To Combat 'Superbugs,' Hospitals Boost Disinfection Techniques

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 03/13/13 - 6a Newscast

Length: 1:52

**Early Detection is the Best Defense against Colon Cancer...** Research shows that nine out of 10 colon cancer cases are diagnosed in people older than 50.

Morning Edition

Air Date: 03/19/13

Length: 3:57

Alzheimer's "Epidemic" Now A Deadlier Threat to Elderly

All Things Considered

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Length: 3:42

Pediatric Organization Endorses Same-Sex Marriage for Its Benefit to Children

## CHILD AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 02/05/13 – 6a, 7a Newscast

Length: 1:54

**Lawmakers Seek to Tighten Bar on Human Trafficking...** “But then on the other side you see United States citizens being trafficked in our own country in our own backyards. Particularly in the sex trade and our young girls and boys are particularly vulnerable in that arena.”

Weekend Edition

Air Date: 02/10/13

Length: 5:41

Raising Personable Children, Even If They're Glued to Phones

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 02/13/13 – 7a Newscast

Length: 1:35

**Bill Aims to Help Children with Speech Problems...** The Mississippi House has approved a bill to give students with speech problems more options.

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 02/14/13 – 7a, 8a Newscast

Length: 1:35

**Advocates Warn about Teen Dating Violence...** Nearly four in ten teens have experienced either physical or sexual dating violence, according to the Department of Health and Human Services.

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 02/15/13 – 8a Newscast

Length: 2:12

**Helping Mississippi Vets Transition from the Battlefield to the Civilian Workforce...**

“They're a lot of employers in the state who would like to hire veterans. So we hook the employer and the veteran up together.”

Morning Edition

Air Date: 02/19/13

Length: 4:54

Does Having Children Make You Happier?

All Things Considered

Air Date: 02/25/13

Length: 7:07

To Spot Kids Who Will Overcome Poverty, Look At Babies

Morning Edition

Air Date: 02/27/13

Length: 8:29

In Many Families, Exercise Is By Appointment Only

Weekend Edition

Air Date: 03/09/13

Length: 5:36

Returning From Duty, Finding Families' Embrace

Morning Edition

Air Date: 03/15/13

Length: 4:25

A Surprisingly Uncontroversial Program That Gives Money to Poor People

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 03/21/13 – 6a, 7a, 8a Newscast

Length: 2:09

**SPLC Demands Moss Point School District End Anti-Gay bullying and Harassment...** The demand, stated in a letter to school officials comes after students asked the Southern Poverty Law Center to investigate rampant harassment within the Moss Point School District.

All Things Considered

Air Date: 03/21/13

Length: 3:42

Pediatric Organization Endorses Same-Sex Marriage for Its Benefit to Children



## ENVIRONMENT, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Morning Edition

Air Date: 01/03/13

Length: 4:18

Wind Power Changes Landscape in Multiple Ways

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 01/04/13 – 6a Newscast

Length: 1:37

**Freezing Temps Mean More Draw on Charities...** Mississippi charities are asking for help in caring for the homeless as nighttime temperatures dip below freezing in many areas of the state

Weekend Edition

Air Date: 01/06/13

Length: 3:07

How a Community Created a Garden from Sadness

All Things Considered

Air Date: 01/11/13

Length: 4:02

Coal Loses Crown as King of Power Generation

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 01/24/13 – 8a Newscast

Length: 1:53

**PSC, Miss. Power Reach Settlement Over Kemper Co. Plant...** Mississippi Power and the Mississippi Public Service Commission have reached a deal opening the possibility for rate increases to fund a multi-billion dollar power plant in Kemper County.

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 01/28/13 – 7a, 8a Newscast

Length: 2:01

**Crews Working to Contain Oil in Miss. River...** Crews are still working to clean up an oil spill on the Mississippi River near Vicksburg.

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 02/04/13 – 7a, 8a Newscast

Length: 0:00

**Severe Weather Preparedness Week begins in Mississippi...** February 4-8 is Severe Weather Preparedness Week in the State.

Morning Edition

Air Date: 02/04/13

Length: 3:57

Environmentalists Oppose Shipping Fracking Waste by Barge

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 02/11/13 – 8a Newscast

Length: 1:54

**Federal Officials Assessing Storm Damage in Southeast Mississippi...** Clean up and recovery begins in Southeast Mississippi.

Morning Edition

Air Date: 02/13/13

Length: 7:27

Victims of Cyberattacks Get Proactive Against Intruders

Morning Edition

Air Date: 02/22/13

Length: 3:23

Honey, It's Electric: Bees Sense Charge on Flowers

All Things Considered

Air Date: 02/23/13

Length: 11:30

Flipping the Switch: What It Takes To Prioritize Electric Cars

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 03/04/13 – 7a Newscast

Length: 2:13

**Transportation Officials Want to Increase Mississippi's Gas Tax to Pay for Infrastructure Needs...** So people have got to realize that if you are going to maintain them you've got to pay for it.

All Things Considered

Air Date: 03/04/13

Length: 4:59

Street Lights, Security Systems and Sewers? They're Hackable, Too

Morning Edition

Air Date: 03/11/13

Length: 3:55

Controlling Your Computer with a Wave of Your Hand

Fresh Air

Air Date: 03/21/13

Length: 19:37

Temperature Rising: Will Climate Change Bring More Extreme Weather?

All Things Considered

Air Date: 03/27/13

Length: 3:20

How to See the World in a Grain of Sand