

WKAR-TV Quarterly Report

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Category: Business & Economy

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Title: Laura Flanders Show #437
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 1/7/24, 3pm
Description: Can we turn our insecurity into power? Consumer debt stands at \$17.29 trillion, and many Americans are drowning in debt, with the average household owning over \$100 thousand. In her new book out from House of Anansi Press, "The Age of Insecurity: Coming Together as Things Fall Apart", writer, filmmaker, organizer, and the 2023 Canadian Broadcasting Corporation Massey Lecturer, Astra Taylor uses mythology, psychology and the history of capitalism to break down the different kinds of insecurities we face and explore how our insecurities help capitalism flourish. Without it, the system would cease to function, she says. In her years of work as Co-Founder of the Debt Collective, which emerged from Occupy Wall Street, Taylor has used debt as a tool for bringing people together and organizing.

Category: Business & Economy
Title: Consuelo Mack WealthTrack #2032
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 2/3/24, 6:30pm
Description: Guest: Christine Benz, Director of Personal Finance and Retirement Planning, Morningstar. On this week's Consuelo Mack WealthTrack: The huge impact of higher yields on retirement planning with personal finance guru Christine Benz.

Category: Business & Economy
Title: Off the Record #5331
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 2/4/24, 11am
Description: The panel discusses the President's huddle with UAW leaders in Detroit. The Guest is Sandy Pensler, (R) U.S. Senate Candidate. Simon Schuster, Lauren Gibbons and Chad Livengood join senior capitol correspondent Tim Skubick to discuss the week in Michigan government and politics.

Category: Business & Economy
Title: Laura Flanders Show #444
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 2/4/24, 1pm
Description: "Capital bias" prioritizes wealth over people and the planet. What are the consequences? That question is at the core of "Wealth Supremacy: How the Extractive Economy and the Biased Rules of Capitalism Drive Today's Crises", the new book from Marjorie Kelly. There's too much financial wealth in our system, she says, yet capitalism encourages us to keep scaling up, building our portfolios and maximizing profits. Like white supremacy, wealth supremacy is both entirely obvious and oddly hidden. But it shows up everywhere, and it's brought us to a deadly brink. What is to be done? As you'll hear in the episode, meaningful conversations about wealth supremacy can help us shift away from capitalism and imagine better economic models. Tune in as Marjorie Kelly and Laura Flanders do just that. Marjorie Kelly is a Distinguished Senior Fellow at the Democracy Collaborative and a longtime business observer. Her book is out now via Berrett-Koehler Press.

Category: Business & Economy
Title: Great Lakes Now #2304
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 2/7/24, 1pm
Description: In "Maple Syrup and Storing Energy" the April episode of Great Lakes Now, maple sugar producers feel the effects of climate change, one Toronto company aims to push the transition to renewable energy, and The Catch offers news from around the Great Lakes.

Category: Business & Economy
Title: Consuelo Mack WealthTrack #2034
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 2/17/24, 6:30pm
Description: Guest: David Giroux, Portfolio Manager, T. Rowe Price Capital Appreciation Fund. On this week's Consuelo Mack WealthTrack: 5 Star, Gold medalist portfolio manager David Giroux discusses contrarian 2024 strategies and AI.

Category: Diversity & Civil Rights

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Title: Cost of Inheritance: An America ReFramed Special
Length: 1 hour
Airdate: 1/8/24, 10pm
Description: Explore the issue of reparations in the U.S. with a focus on historical injustices, systemic inequities, and critical dialogue. Through narratives, inquiries, and insights, the film aims to inspire understanding of the scope and rationale.

Category: Diversity & Civil Rights
Title: Independent Lens: Racist Trees
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 1/22/24, 10pm
Description: Were trees intentionally planted to exclude and segregate a Black neighborhood? In this documentary, racial tensions ignite in Palm Springs, California, over a fight to remove a wall of trees that form a barrier believed to exclude a community.

Category: Diversity & Civil Rights
Title: Becoming Frederick Douglas
Length: 1 hour
Airdate: 2/6/24, 5pm
Description: Discover how a man born into slavery became one of the most influential voices for democracy in American history. Oscar nominated filmmaker Stanley Nelson explores the role Douglass played in securing the right to freedom for African Americans.

Category: Diversity & Civil Rights
Title: Tell Me More with Kelly Corrigan #505
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 1/21/24 , 1:30pm
Description: Kelly Corrigan speaks with Del Seymour, the founder of Code Tenderloin, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide underserved individuals with long-term employment and rehabilitative services. His work has transformed the lives of individuals suffering from addiction and homelessness in San Francisco's Tenderloin, one of the toughest neighborhoods in America.

Category: Diversity & Civil Rights
Title: Firing Line with Margaret Hoover #733
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 2/10/24, 6:30pm
Description: Guest: Sheila Johnson. Entrepreneur and philanthropist Sheila Johnson, the co-founder of BET who now owns sports teams and luxury hotels, discusses her memoir "Walk Through Fire" on how she overcame adversity to become America's first Black female billionaire.

Category: Diversity & Civil Rights
Title: American Masters: How It Feels to Be Free
Length: 2 hours
Airdate: 2/6/24, 9pm
Description: 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.

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Title: Firing Line with Margaret Hoover #731
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 1/28/24, 12pm
Description: Guest: Deborah Lipstadt. Amb. Deborah Lipstadt Biden's Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism discusses the spike in hatred toward Jews since Oct. 7 and the silence from many over Hamas' atrocities. She explains why it is a threat to democracy and how to fight it.

Category: Crime & Public Safety
Title: American Experience: Nazi Town, USA
Length: 1 hour
Airdate: 1/23/24, 9pm
Description: In February 1939, more than twenty thousand Americans filled Madison Square Garden for an event billed as a "Pro-American Rally." As images of George Washington hung next to swastikas, a series of speakers railed against the "Jewish controlled media" and called for a return to a racially "pure" America. The keynote speaker, a man named Fritz Kuhn, was the head of an organization known as the German American Bund. The rally was huge, demanding the largest police presence to date for any event in New York City history but it was the culmination of a movement that had been brewing for years. Nazi Town USA will tell the largely

unknown story of this organization that had chapters across the country and represented what experts believe was a "very real threat of fascist subversion in the United States." Organized into 70 different districts, the Bund held joint rallies with the Ku Klux Klan and ran dozens of summer camps for children centered around Nazi ideology and imagery. Life in some of the largest camps - including Camp Siegfried in Long Island, Camp Hindenburg in Wisconsin, and Camp Nordland in New Jersey -will be brought to life through extensive archival footage, photographs, and ruins that exist to this day. The Bund's embrace of "Americanism" raises thorny issues - from questions of free speech to declarations of "America First" - that we continue to wrestle with to this day.

Category: Crime & Public Safety
Title: Frontline: Democracy on Trial
Length: 2.5 hours
Airdate: 1/30/24, 9pm
Description: The roots of the criminal cases against former President Trump stemming from his 2020 election loss. Amid the presidential race, examining the House Jan. 6 committee's evidence, the threat to democracy and the historic charges against Trump.

Category: Crime & Public Safety
Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 10 minutes (segment length)
Airdate: 1/3/24, 7pm
Description: The Jan. 6 investigation is the largest FBI operation in history. More than 1200 people have been charged and over 900 convicted. But it has stretched the bureau's resources and has often had to rely on the work of citizen investigators who came to be known as 'sedition hunters.' Judy Woodruff spoke with one of these anonymous sleuths as part of her series, America at a Crossroads.

Category: Crime & Public Safety
Title: Spotlight on the News
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 2/11/24, 11:30am
Description: On Sunday, February 11, Spotlight on the News will interview Dr. Alexis Travis, Ph.D., MSU Assistant Provost & Executive Director, University Health and Wellbeing. Find out what her team has been doing to address the aftermath of the tragic MSU shooting one year ago.

Category: Crime & Public Safety
Title: Rising Against Asian Hate: One Day in March
Length: 1 hour
Airdate: 3/19/24, 10pm
Description: Following the aftermath of the March 2021 mass shootings at three spas in Atlanta, this film chronicles how the Asian American community came together to fight back against hate. Offering a conversation about race, class and gender, the film takes a deep dive into this critical moment of racial reckoning, exploring the struggles and triumphs, progress and setbacks, discrimination, and achievements of AAPI communities.

Category: Education

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Title: POV: Brief Tender Light
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 1/15/23, 9:30pm
Description: At the elite MIT, a Ghanaian alum follows four African students striving to become change agents for home. Now, living in America, each must refine their ideas about the world, themselves, and how to transform youthful ideals into action as adults.

Category: Education
Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 10 minutes (segment length)
Airdate: 1/4/24, 7pm
Description: The resignation of former Harvard president Claudine Gay has hardly settled any of the debate surrounding her tenure. While Gay did admit to several mistakes, she argues she's been unfairly targeted because of her race, ideology and push for diversity. William Brangham has two perspectives from Khalil Gibran Muhammad of Harvard's Kennedy School, and Tom Nichols of The Atlantic.

Category: Education
Title: Curious Crew #901
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 1/27/24, 10:30pm
Description: Using spheres, cylinders, and straws, the Crew and Dr. Rob learn about inertia, velocity, and conservation of energy due to angular momentum.

Category: Education
Title: Spotlight on the News #1044
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 2/25/24, 11:30am
Description: On Sunday, February 25, Spotlight on the News will interview Donald B. Taylor, Ph.D., President, University of Detroit Mercy; Rev. André L. Spivey, Executive Minister, Oak Grove AME Church; and Ron Spears, President, Detroit Morehouse Alumni Association. Find out how these two historic higher education institutions, and their students, are making an impact on Detroit, the State of Michigan, and the USA.

Category: Education
Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 10 minutes (segment length)
Airdate: 2/15/24, 7pm
Description: The debate over diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives in colleges and universities has been heating up around the country. The political and actual backlash to past DEI programs has been growing. John Yang breaks down more of what this dispute is about and what the stakes are in the world of higher education for our series, Race Matters.

Category: Education
Title: Curious Crew #907
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 2/17/24, 10:30am
Description: Bonding over the science of Surface Tension! Why do some things float in water while others sink? The Crew's depth of knowledge goes WAY below the surface, as they learn all about the molecular bonds behind water phenomena!

Category: Environment

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Title: Great Lakes Now #2311
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 1/3/24, 1pm
Description: In this episode of Great Lakes Now, Indiana shoreline residents take drastic action to save their homes from powerful waves, Michigan DNR officials defend against climate change by removing old dams, and The Catch offers news from around the region.

Category: Environment
Title: Great Lakes Now #2301
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 1/10/24, 1pm
Description: In "Smart Sewers and Sunken Aircraft" the January episode of Great Lakes Now: A high-tech approach for keeping sewage out of waterways takes shape in South Bend, Indiana, a look at the story behind World War II aircraft sitting at the bottom of Lake Michigan, and The Catch offers news from around the Great Lakes.

Category: Environment
Title: Nature: The Serengeti Rules
Length: 1 hour
Airdate: 1/3/24, 8pm
Description: Travel back in time, from the Arctic Ocean to Pacific tide pools, with a pioneering group of scientists who make surprising discoveries that transform human understanding of nature and ecology

Category: Environment
Title: NOVA: Arctic Drift
Length: 1 hour
Airdate: 1/3/24, 9pm
Description: Join scientists as they embark on the most ambitious Arctic research expedition of all time.

Category: Environment
Title: America's Heartland #1603
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 2/3/24, 3:30pm
Description: Rodney Dillard returns to his family farm. Jewel shows off her Texas ranch. Michael Martin Murphey sings to support farmers and ranchers. A Mississippi farmer celebrates Blues music and his farm's rural roots.

Category: Environment
Title: America Outdoors with Baratunde Thurston #202
Length: 1 hour
Airdate: 2/1/24, 3pm
Description: The Suwannee is one of the last wild rivers in America. From jet skiers to herpetologists, manatees to snapping turtles, Baratunde learns how this unique environment inspires a whole range of passions.

Category: Government & Politics

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Title: Off the Record #5327
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 1/5/24, 8:30pm; 1/7/24, 11am
Description: Weekly Michigan Public TV coverage of the governor's office, the state legislature, the political campaign trail, and state government. With senior capitol correspondent Tim Skubick and his capitol press corps colleagues. The panel discusses the new polling data in the Democratic U.S. Senate race. The guest is former gubernatorial and presidential candidate Perry Johnson to talk about what's going wrong with the Republican Party. Panelists Kyle Melinn, Emily Lawler, and Chad Livengood join senior capitol correspondent Tim Skubick to discuss the week in Michigan government and politics.

Category: Government & Politics
Title: A Citizen's Guide to Preserving Democracy
Length: 1 hour
Airdate: 1/2/24, 10pm
Description: A Citizen's Guide to Preserving Democracy is based on Dr. Richard Haass' best-selling book "The Bill of Obligations: The Ten Habits of Good Citizens." Through interviews and real-life examples, Hari Sreenivasan and Dr. Haass explore how Americans are working towards strengthening democracy and renewing the spirit of a more informed and engaged citizenry.

Category: Government & Politics
Title: Firing Line with Margaret Hoover #728
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 1/7/24, 12pm
Description: Guest: Tim Alberta. Journalist Tim Alberta discusses his new best-selling book exploring evangelical Christians' steadfast loyalty to Donald Trump. He examines the fear driving Christian nationalism and the impact of faith-based politics on the 2024 election.

Category: Government & Politics
Title: Firing Line with Margaret Hoover #729
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 1/14/24, 12pm
Description: Guest: Tony Gonzales. Congressman Tony Gonzales (R-TX), who represents nearly half of the U.S.-Mexico border, discusses the influx of migrants, why they're coming, his policy ideas addressing the crisis, and whether bipartisan agreement on the issue is possible.

Category: Government & Politics
Title: Off the Record #5328
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 1/14/24, 11am
Description: The panel discusses the latest bad polling news for President Biden. The guest is Pollster Richard Czuba from the Glengariff Group, Inc. Craig Mauger, Clara Hendrickson and Colin Jackson join senior capitol correspondent Tim Skubick to discuss the week in Michigan government and politics.

Category: Government & Politics
Title: Spotlight on the News #5328
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 1/14/24, 11am
Description: On Sunday, January 14, Spotlight on the News will get the latest update on Metro Detroit's transit options; and Michigan's redistricting legal challenge. Our guests will be Megan Owens, Executive Director of Transportation Riders United and Ed Sarpolus, Executive Director of the Target Insyght polling firm.

Category: Health/Health Care

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Title: Your Fountain of Youth with Lee Holden #113
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 2/1/24, 1:30pm
Description: Longevity has been a quest for humans across cultures for centuries. Based on 4,500 years of practice and refinement, the movements in this program "add not only years to your life, but life to your years." Lee Holden guides you through gentle stretches, energy activations, and easy-to-follow flowing movements you can use to age with grace on the path to longevity.

Category: Health/Health Care
Title: Independent Lens #2507
Length: 1 hour
Airdate: 2/5/22, 10pm
Description: Following a cancer diagnosis, a wisecracking Catholic nun chooses to live as she's dying. In this touching end-of-life documentary, the self-proclaimed "leader of the misfits" plans her funeral in her last nine months to live.

Category: Health/Health Care
Title: Spotlight on the News
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 2/4/24, 11:30am
Description: We interview Dr. Kelli Morgan, Senior Curator, Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History and Dr. Annabelle Volgman, M.D., Women's Heart Alliance Scientific Advisory Board Member.

Category: Health/Health Care
Title: The Brain-Gut Connection
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 3/2/24, 12:30pm
Description: Explore the connection between your gut and your brain and how it impacts your health.

Category: Health/Health Care
Title: Classical Stretch: By Essentrics #1314
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 2/7/24, 1:30pm
Description: This advanced, body shaping workout will tone and strengthen your arms, abs, core, waist, and legs. Join Miranda Esmonde-White in the breathtaking Bermuda for this full-body standing workout that will liberate your joints and connective tissue while simultaneously strengthening your entire body.

Category: Health/Health Care
Title: Laura Flanders Show #445
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 2/11/24, 1pm
Description: How do we deal with personal and societal trauma and pain in this moment of war, political polarization, increasing violence, domestic terror, and despair? Experts say we must look at the root causes of our pain, and yet the US is in the grip of a battle over exactly that - with efforts to ban books, censor news, cancel truth-tellers and hide history. How do we come together and overcome what the US surgeon general says is loneliness on an "epidemic" scale, when our society and culture work to separate us and tell us to heal alone? Today's guests have experienced personal trauma and turned it into fuel for making social change.

Category: Morals & Family Values

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Title: Amanpour and Company #6143
Length: 1 hour
Airdate: 1/17/24, 11pm
Description: America Ferrers talks about feminism through the lens of the new film, "Barbie."

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Title: To the Contrary #3245
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 1/21/24, 12:30pm
Description: Dr. Bella DePaulo, social psychologist and lifelong single woman, discusses her book titled "Single at Heart: The Power, Freedom, and Heart-Filling Joy of Single Life" in which her research challenges the stereotypes associated with single life, arguing being single can be a joyful, meaningful, fulfilling, psychologically rich, and authentic life.

Category: Morals & Family Values
Title: Margaret: The Rebel Princess
Length: 1 hour
Airdate: 2/2/24, 4pm
Description: Learn how Princess Margaret's life and loves reflected the social and sexual revolution that transformed the western world during the 20th century, and redefined society's image of the modern princess.

Category: Morals & Family Values
Title: Off the Record
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 2/18/24, 11am
Description: The panel discusses a battle over freedom of speech by a state lawmaker and the speaker's action against him. The guest is former Democratic Congressman Andy Levin.

Category: Morals & Family Values
Title: Independent Lens: Breaking the News
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 2/19/24, 10pm
Description: A scrappy group of women and LGBTQ+ journalists buck the white male-dominated status quo, banding together to launch the 19th*, a digital news startup

aiming to combat misinformation and include the voices often left out of the American story.

Category: Morals & Family Values

Title: Gospel, episode 1

Length: 2.5 hours

Airdate: 2/25/24, 6pm; 2/29/24, 1pm

Description: In GOSPEL, Henry Louis Gates, Jr., the Alphonse Fletcher University Professor at Harvard University and director of the Hutchins Center for African and African American Research, speaks with dozens of clergymen, singers, and scholars about their connection to the music that has transcended its origins and now spreads “the good word” all around the world. Gospel is more than the soundtrack of the African American experience, “it’s the beating heart and soul,” said Gates.