

# **Public Radio Stations of Mississippi Public Broadcasting**

*Quarterly Issues and Programs Report*

*for the period of July 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017*

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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 third quarter of 2017.*

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

# MINORITY CONCERNS

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 7/13/17

Length: 00:04:03

## **Malala Yousafzai Visits Displaced Women**

Nobel Peace Prize laureate Malala Yousafzai visited some women in camps for displaced people in Iraq to advocate for girls' education.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 7/24/17

Length: 00:03:32

## **Derrick Johnson Named NAACP's Interim Leader**

The NAACP is holding its national convention in Baltimore to chart a new direction for the civil rights organization. Over the weekend, Derrick Johnson was named interim CEO.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 8/16/17

Length: 00:04:28

## **Jewish Leaders Say Anti-Semitism Around The Nation Is A Disturbing Trend**

The American Jewish community has been unsettled by the re-emergence of vocal anti-Semitism, largely believed to be a feature of the nation's past.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 8/18/17

Length: 00:01:41

## **Tougaloo Nine Honored with Freedom Trail Marker**

A group of students who attended Tougaloo College in the 1960's is being recognized for their contributions to the civil rights movement.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 8/26/17

Length: 00:06:25

## **In 'More Than A Picture' Exhibit, History Happens Now**

Remembering our nation's history through photographs is the focus of the newest and first special exhibition at the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 9/05/17

Length: 00:01:47

## **Hundreds in Mississippi Anxiously Await Trump's DACA Decision**

Hundreds of young people in Mississippi could face uncertain futures, if the president decides to end a program that protects young undocumented immigrants from deportation.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 09/27/17

Length: 00:01:47

### **Healing Racial Divide Through Faith**

A Mississippi organization is reaching across generations to encourage people to talk about race and the feelings they're reluctant to share.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 09/29/17

Length: 00:01:42

### **Ahead of Oct. Deadline, Advocates Offer DACA Workshops**

A Mississippi organization is holding workshops to help undocumented immigrants renew their DACA permits.

# EDUCATION

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 7/4/17

Length: 00:04:34

## **Xbox Bowling For Seniors? Visit Your Local Library**

For the past three years, 74-year-old Alice Baker has come to the Macon Branch Library in Brooklyn almost every Thursday morning.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 7/13/17

Length: 00:03:41

## **Education Department Official Apologizes For 'Flippant' Campus Sexual Assault**

### **Comments**

The top civil rights enforcer at the Education Department apologized yesterday for remarks about campus sexual assault that she now says were flippant.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 7/17/17

Length: 00:01:23

## **Charter School Groups Move Closer to Approval**

More Mississippi students could soon have a chance to attend a charter school.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 8/08/17

Length: 00:03:52

## **The Cubist Revolution: Minecraft For All**

The cubist revolution, now in its eighth year, is thriving. That's Minecraft cubes, of course.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 8/09/17

Length: 00:01:34

## **Open Teacher Positions Reveal Potential State Teacher Shortage**

More than one thousand open teacher positions in Mississippi may be an indication of a teacher shortage in the state.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 8/18/17

Length: 00:01:37

## **Mississippi Schools Will Follow New Grade Rating**

More Mississippi schools could receive A-ratings following a change in the state's grading scale.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 9/12/17

Length: 00:01:41

**Board Faces Criticism for Approving Charter School in Delta**

A decision to approve a charter school in the Delta is facing criticism from some worried about funding and obtaining qualified teachers.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 9/15/17

Length: 00:01:40

**State Board of ED Moves Forward with Plan to Takeover JPS**

Distraught parents and Jackson School Board Members say they'll fight a state takeover of their school district in court.

# **ECONOMY**

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 7/2/17

Length: 00:03:54

## **Teacher Of The Year In Oklahoma Moves To Texas For The Money**

About exactly a year ago we brought you the story of Shawn Sheehan, Oklahoma's 2016 Teacher of the Year.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 7/06/17

Length: 00:01:39

## **July Marks Start Largest Tax Cut in State History**

July marks the start of the largest tax cut plan in Mississippi's history. The plan eventually reduces the state's tax revenue by an estimated \$415 million per year.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 7/12/17

Length: 00:06:37

## **Somerset County's Declining Economy**

A new coal mine opened in western Pennsylvania and is expected to employ at least 70 people.

Program: Fresh Air

Air Date: 7/18/17

Length: 00:39:23

## **Author Looks To Other Countries To Rethink America's Complicated Tax Code**

When it comes to taxes, T.R. Reid says other countries have done "what the U.S. Congress evidently can't do — they've made it simple."

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 8/10/17

Length: 00:03:41

## **Now That He's President, Trump Is Sounding More Positive About The Economy**

When Donald Trump was running for president last year, he never failed to portray the U.S. economy in the direst terms, with sky-high jobless rates, an anemic manufacturing sector and huge trade deficits as far as the eye could see.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 8/25/17

Length: 00:01:39

## **Senate Committee Hears Options for Funding Infrastructure**

Mississippi senators are meeting at the capitol to ward off a looming infrastructure crisis. As MPB's Desare Frazier reports, the federal government is stepping in.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 9/22/17

Length: 00:01:46

### **State Agency Heads Make Their Case for More Funding**

Cash strapped state agencies are making their case for more money before a Mississippi Legislative Budget Committee.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 9/25/17

Length: 00:01:12

### **Two State Agencies Say They Cut Budgets Ahead of Hearing**

Despite Mississippi's opioid epidemic and rising medical costs, two state agencies say they're reducing their budgets ahead of legislative hearings.

# **GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS AND POLITICS**

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 7/13/17

Length: 00:01:37

## **Marion Wright Edelman Tours Delta for 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

A champion for children's health and welfare is visiting the Mississippi Delta to sound the alarm.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 07/14/17

Length: 00:01:32

## **Gov. Bryant Issues Executive Orders Following Military Plane Crash**

Governor Phil Bryant is issuing two executive orders for the state of Mississippi in efforts to honor the 16 service members killed in the military plane crash.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 7/27/17

Length: 00:03:56

## **Senate Republicans Continue Effort To Pass Health Care Law**

Senate Majority leader Mitch McConnell forced Republicans to take a vote on a measure that would have repealed parts of Obamacare and saw that effort fail.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 8/29/17

Length: 00:04:13

## **Harvey Is First Major Natural Disaster For Trump Administration**

Over the last few days, President Trump has been tweeting a lot about rescue efforts in Texas.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 8/29/17

Length: 00:02:05

## **Houston's 'Mattress Mack' Opens His Stores' Doors To House Flood Victims**

Houstonian Jim McIngvale, known as "Mattress Mack," has turned his two furniture stores into temporary shelters for Tropical Storm Harvey evacuees.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 9/06/17

Length: 00:01:20

## **Will Study Group Recommend Lotto in Miss?**

A study committee is combing through the pros and cons experienced as other states implemented their lotteries



Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 9/07/17

Length: 00:01:25

**Changes Come to Voter Registration Site**

Mississippians now have quicker access to their voter registration information. As MPB's Ezra Wall reports, the Secretary of State's "Y'all Vote" website is getting an upgrade.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 9/19/17

Length: 00:01:20

**Ishee Sworn in as Supreme Court Justice**

Mississippi's newest Supreme Court Justice says he looks forward to applying the law equally to all.

# HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 7/24/17

Length: 00:02:32

## **Parents Of Terminally Ill British Infant Drop Legal Battle**

The parents of Charlie Gard say they have given up their legal battle to allow their critically ill infant to receive experimental treatment for the severe genetic disorder he suffers from.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 7/26/17

Length: 00:01:21

## **One-in-Three Has Pre-Diabetes. Many Don't Even Know**

More than a third of Mississippians could be a high risk to develop diabetes and most of them may not even know it.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 8/14/17

Length: 00:06:20

## **After Mastectomy, Young Woman's Tattoo Helps Her Feel Whole Again**

Nicole was only 23 when she had a double mastectomy following a breast cancer diagnosis. After she recovered, Nicole got a chest tattoo that symbolizes how she wants to live life after cancer.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 8/17/17

Length: 00:05:20

## **The Cost of Obesity**

Medical bills for people who are obese are thousands of dollars more than those who are not.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 9/14/17

Length: 00:01:32

## **Obesity Rate in Mississippi Not Improving**

An annual report on national obesity trends says Mississippi remains near the bottom of the list.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 09/15/17

Length: 00:01:26

## **Community Health Centers Could Cut Services, Close**

Community Health Centers across Mississippi waiting to see if they'll be funded for another year.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 9/20/17

Length: 00:01:43

**Teen Suicide 3<sup>rd</sup> Leading Cause of Death in State**

Suicide is the 3<sup>rd</sup> leading cause of death among teens in Mississippi.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 09/21/17

Length: 00:01:34

**River City Receives National Award for Culture of Health**

As Mississippi struggles with being listed as one of the fattest states in the nation, MPB's Desare Frazier reports one city is winning a prestigious award for its work to promote health and fitness.

## **CHILD AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT**

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 7/20/17

Length: 00:01:31

### **Time to Check on Child's Immunizations**

Whether Mississippi parents are getting their children ready for school or to start daycare, ensuring kids are immunized has to be at the top of the list.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 8/08/17

Length: 00:03:54

### **Between Swimming And Archery, This Camp Helps Kids Overcome The Stigma Of HIV/AIDS**

Every summer the camp hosts one special sleep-away week for kids affected by HIV or AIDS.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 8/17/17

Length: 00:04:48

### **Between Swimming And S'mores, Young Muslim Campers Learn To Cope With Rising Hate**

The sun has set, the hiking, swimming and prayers are over and a group of kids are goofing off, taking turns telling corny jokes in the woods.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 8/14/17

Length: 00:01:43

### **Peer Interest in Science Leads Students to STEM Jobs**

A new report says more Mississippi students may want jobs in science, technology, engineering or math if they learn their friends are also interested in those subjects

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 8/23/17

Length: 00:01:28

### **"Operation Stop" Urges School Bus Awareness, Safety**

Getting kids safely to school is the goal of a new effort called "Operation Stop."

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 8/29/17

Length: 00:01:44

### **Kindergarten Test Scores See Improvement**

Early learners in Mississippi are showing improving in academic readiness.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 9/07/17

Length: 00:01:42

**Unknown Vision Problem Can Cause Poor School Performance**

Eye experts in Mississippi are urging parents to get regular eye screening for their children.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 9/08/17

Length: 00:01:54

**Few High School Students College Ready Despite Slight Act Gain**

Despite a slight gain in high school college entrance readiness scores, Mississippi students by and large aren't prepared for higher education.

# **ENVIRONMENT, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 7/24/17

Length: 00:03:39

## **Bikes May Have To Talk To Self-Driving Cars For Safety's Sake**

Proponents of self-driving cars say they'll make the world safer, but autonomous vehicles need to predict what bicyclists are going to do.

Program: Weekend Edition

Air Date: 8/06/17

Length: 00:03:43

## **NASA's Voyager Program Turns 40**

NASA's Voyager 1 and Voyager 2 have boldly traveled further than any spacecraft have traveled before - to the outer reaches of the solar system.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 8/07/17

Length: 00:04:50

## **How Smartphones Are Making Kids Unhappy**

For the first time, a generation of children is going through adolescence with smartphones ever-present.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 8/24/17

Length: 00:01:51

## **NASA Takes Contract Mission to Jackson State**

NASA is on a two-day mission in Mississippi, to connect historically black colleges and universities with government contracts.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 8/30/17

Length: 00:01:26

## **Harvey Leads to Higher Prices at the Gas Pump**

Mississippians won't see skyrocketing gas prices because of Tropical Storm Harvey according to an analyst. But, it will cost more to fill the tank

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 9/11/17

Length: 00:01:10

## **Mississippi Providing Help to Respond to Hurricane Irma**

Mississippi Emergency Management Agency Executive Director Lee Smithson says the state is providing support to Florida to respond to Hurricane Irma, including the National Guard.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 9/12/17

Length: 00:01:16

**PSC To Discuss Kemper Plant in Executive Session Today**

There's still no final settlement between the state and Mississippi Power as to who will pick up part of the tab for the Kemper County Energy Facility.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 9/18/17

Length: 00:01:41

**Consumer Protection Warn of Growing Form of Identity Theft**

Mississippi consumer protection experts are warning people about what they call a devastating form of identity theft.