

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

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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 2015.*

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

## **MINORITY CONCERNS**

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 7/2/15

Length: 00:06:48

### **Charleston's Black Leaders Want To See Justice As Much As Forgiveness**

Two days after Dylann Roof allegedly murdered nine African-Americans during a Bible study at Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, S.C., family members of the victims confronted Roof in a bond hearing.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 7/02/15

Length: 00:03:51

### **African-Americans Question Comparing Gay Rights Movement To Civil Rights**

LGBT rights have been inspired by the earlier civil rights movement. Some LGBT advocates say gay rights are the new civil rights, offending some African-Americans.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 7/02/15

Length: 00:04:30

### **Coping While Black: A Season Of Traumatic News Takes A Psychological Toll**

Can racism cause post-traumatic stress? That's one big question psychologists are trying to answer, particularly in the aftermath of the shooting at the historically black Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, S.C., and the recent incidents involving police where race was a factor.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 8/17/15

Length: 00:06:33

### **Civil Rights Community Mourns Death Of Julian Bond**

Former NAACP Chairman Julian Bond helped found the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and the Southern Poverty Law Center. He was 75.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 8/25/15

Length: 00:02:48

### **Lower Ninth Ward Residents Remember When The Levees Failed New Orleans**

The flooding in New Orleans 10 years ago was not because of Hurricane Katrina. It was the failure of the federally built levee system. On Monday night, residents remembered the lives lost.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 9/14/15

Length: 00:03:48

### **Ferguson Commission Shines Light On Racially Divided St. Louis**

When Michael Brown was shot by a police officer in Ferguson, Mo., last August, his death set off riots and violence — and posed deep questions about race relations in America. The Ferguson Commission, appointed by Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon, was tasked with finding some answers.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 9/16/15

Length: 00:03:42

### **Fiorina Will Need To Stand Out, Not Just Stick Out, On Debate Stage**

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Program: Here and Now

Air Date: 9/16/15

Length: 00:05:47

### **Ferguson Report Includes Call To End Predatory Lending**

The governor-appointed Ferguson Commission, called together after the police shooting of 18-year-old Michael Brown, is calling for sweeping policy changes in Missouri. Among the topics the report addresses are race, policing, education, the courts, Medicaid and finance

Program: News Segment

Air Date: 9/17/15

Length: 00:01:45

### **MS actor part of online effort to stop corporate sponsorship of football games at universities**

A coalition of organizations that includes the Mississippi Human Rights Collective and the NAACP, started a petition on [MoveOn.org](http://MoveOn.org). They're calling for corporate sponsors to rescind football advertising contracts with state universities until the state flag is changed

Program: News Segment

Air Date: 9/18/15

Length: 00:01:34

### **First student sentenced to prison in meredith statue incident at ole miss**

Nineteen months after three University of Mississippi students had draped an old Georgia state flag and a noose around the statue of the first African American on campus — James Meredith— one defendant was sentenced to prison in federal court in Oxford yesterday.

Program: Here and Now

Air Date: 9/25/15

Length: 00:05:25

### **Texas Sheriff's Killing Puts Black Lives Matter On Defense**

When Sheriff Deputy Darren Goforth was shot and killed in August, a local sheriff blamed the Black Lives Matter movement for the murder.

Program: MS Edition

Air Date: 9/30/15

Length: 00:01:24

### **Mississippi Latinos rise against cultural stigmas**

Some people automatically apply the term "illegal immigration" to Hispanic Cultures. Members of the Latino community say this can lead to stereotyping and false accusations.

# EDUCATION

Program: News Segment

Air Date: 8/13/15

Length: 00:01:17

## **Original 42-a title will appear on ballot**

Supporters of ballot initiative 42 are remaining committed to passing a school funding amendment despite a Supreme Court ruling they say will confuse voters

Program: News Segment

Air Date: 8/12/15

Length: 00:01:24

## **Mississippi board of education approves alternative assessment**

Some Mississippi students with severe cognitive disabilities will take a new alternative assessment this school year. The state Department of Education has contracted with Questar Assessment Incorporated to administer the test.

Program: Here and Now

Air Date: 8/27/15

Length: 00:05:09

## **Fraternity Banners: Harmless Fun Or Sexual Harassment?**

This week, students arriving at Old Dominion University could see banners hanging from a Sigma Nu fraternity house. "Rowdy and fun, hope your baby girl is ready for a good time," and "freshman daughter drop off." The signs were criticized for mocking sexual violence against women, and sparked national outrage.

Program: Morning Edition/News Segment

Air Date: 9/01/15

Length: 00:01:25

## **Lawmakers refuse to hand over education funding correspondence**

Supporters of an education funding proposal, are crying foul because state leaders are refusing to release correspondence related to Initiative 42.

Program: Here and Now

Air Date: 9/02/15

Length: 00:05:18

## **Missouri Has The Youngest Teachers In The Nation**

As students return to school around the country, they're being taught by teachers who are younger and less experienced on average than in generations past.

Program: Here and Now

Air Date: 9/09/15

Length: 00:05:01

## **San Francisco Middle Schools Stop Teaching Algebra**

As [Common Core](#) standards take place in schools across the country, changes are being made to the current curriculum. In San Francisco, some parents are upset that according to the new standards, Algebra 1 will no longer be offered in middle school.

Program: Here and Now  
Air Date: 9/11/15  
Length: 00:09:57

### **Are Poor Kids With Mental Disabilities Getting Too Much Government Aid Or Not Enough?**

How much financial help does an impoverished child with autism need? What about a child who has bipolar disorder? In the U.S., the answer depends on what state the family lives in. If they are in Pennsylvania, they are almost six times more likely to receive financial help from the federal government than if they live in Nevada.

Program: Here and Now  
Air Date: 9/14/15  
Length: 00:03:44

### **Classes Remain Canceled As Seattle Teachers Strike Continues**

A city-wide teachers strike in Seattle, Washington, pushed into its second week with classes canceled for a fourth day Monday. Negotiations for a new contract between the Seattle Education Association teachers' union and the school district carried through the weekend, with no clear deal in sight

Program: News Segment  
Air Date: 9/15/15  
Length: 00:01:30

### **Teacher's union president: education funding is among top concerns**

As part of a tour of school's across the South, National Education Association President Lily Eskelsen Garcia stopped in Mississippi to hear from educators and students about their concerns facing public education.

Program: Here and Now  
Air Date: 9/16/15  
Length: 00:05:29

### **9th Grader Arrested After Teachers Thought His Homemade Clock Was A Bomb**

14-year-old boy in north Texas is making international headlines. His name is Ahmed Mohamed. He's a robotics fan. And he says he created a homemade clock – circuit boards and wires in a pencil case – to impress his new teachers at high school.

Program: News Segment  
Air Date: 9/18/15  
Length: 00:01:35

### **Feedback give thumbs up to ms college and career ready standards**

The three-month online comment period about Mississippi College and Career Ready Standards, which are based on Common Core, ended this week. According to the state department of education, nearly 1,400 people responded.

Program: News Segment  
Air Date: 9/21/15  
Length: 00:01:45

### **Attending pre-k could mean higher academic success for children.**

Children who attend certain federally subsidized Pre-K programs achieve better academic results according to a key research group. The Family and Children Research Unit of the Social Science Research Center at Mississippi State University conducted a study that's showing children who went to Pre-K will more than likely be more academically successful than ones who did not.

Program: News Segment  
Air Date: 9/25/15  
Length: 00:03:51

### **All in the game: part 3 - what are the academic requirements for student-athletes**

Football, basketball, baseball, gymnastics. College sports are a way of life in the South. Fans pack into stadiums or glue themselves to TV's to watch their favorite teams battle it out. But the pressure on a young person to succeed on the field or court is only half the battle.

Program: Here and Now  
Air Date: 9/29/15  
Length: 00:03:46

### **Pre-K Study In Tennessee Shows Early Gains Wear Off**

A [new study](#) out of Vanderbilt University has some surprising findings: children from low-income families benefit significantly from Tennessee's pre-kindergarten programs at first, but those gains wear off by the end of third grade.

Program: News Segment  
Air Date: 9/30/15  
Length: 00:01:43

### **USM lands \$400,000 grant from US dept. Health and human services**

Setting-up an office, hiring qualified people and getting them trained by the end of October, is keeping Professor Michael Forster busy. He's dean of the School of Social Work at the University of Southern Mississippi.

# ECONOMY

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 7/03/15

Length: 00:03:47

## **When Greeks Vote Sunday, It's Not Just About A Debt Deal**

Elisavet Zachariadou is a retired professor of history in Athens. She admires Italian art and reads French literature and German philosophy. She considers herself a European.

Program: News Segment

Air Date: 7/10/15

Length: 00:01:44

## **Removing cuban blockade could boost Mississippi's economy**

Eight separate caravans are crisscrossing the U.S. in buses, carrying medical and schools supplies bound for Cuba. Gail Walker is with the Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization, which has sponsored the trips since 1992.

Program: News Segment

Air Date: 8/14/15

Length: 00:01:44

## **Social security, a lifeline for hundreds of thousands of Mississippians turns 80**

Seventy-six year old Rena Robinson of Jackson, retired after working as a school teacher for 39 years to take care of her ailing mother. She received a small pension, but struggled until she could collect Social Security.

Program: Here and Now

Air Date: 9/02/15

Length: 00:03:46

## **ConocoPhillips To Slash 10 Percent Of Global Workforce**

Houston-based oil giant ConocoPhillips is slashing 1,800 jobs, most of which are in North America. The company says the layoffs amount to 10 percent of its global workforce.

Program: Morning Edition/News Segment

Air Date: 8/18/15

Length: 00:01:41

## **MS small businesses could face hefty fines for helping employees with Insurance**

Beginning July 1, the Internal Revenue Service says businesses that raise the pay of full-time employees to help them buy healthcare insurance, are subject to a \$100 per day excise tax. The IRS says under the Affordable Care Act, the payments are considered group health plans not covered by the ACA.

Program: Here and Now

Air Date: 9/04/15

Length: 00:03:41

## **Economy Adds 173,000 Jobs, Reaches 'Full Employment' In August**

The August jobs report is out and the numbers are murky. The Labor Department says the U.S. unemployment rate is down to its lowest level since 2008, but only 173,000 jobs were created last month – that is lower than economists were expecting.

Program: News Segment

Air Date: 9/15/15

Length: 00:00:56

**A group that promotes positive trends in the capitol city is bringing in outside help**

Consultant Josh McManus calls himself a city revivalist. He says the city of Jackson has potential to thrive just like other cities he has worked in, such as Detroit. "Jackson has a beautiful infrastructure that seems to be underutilized

Program: Here and Now

Air Date: 9/15/15

Length: 00:03:25

**Finding Profits In Europe's Migrant Crisis**

Hungary today declared a state of emergency, sealing off its southern border with Serbia, in an effort to stop the migrants coming in. As the crisis continues, many in Europe and the United States are profiting from the influx of migrants, including shop owners and American pension funds.

Program: Here and Now

Air Date: 9/17/15

Length: 00:04:00

**Fed Leaves Key Interest Rate Unchanged, Citing Low Inflation**

The Federal Reserve is keeping U.S. interest rates at record lows in the face of threats from a weak global economy, persistently low inflation and unstable financial markets.

Program: News Segment

Air Date: 9/17/15

Length: 00:01:28

**"America's natural gas highway" welcomes Mississippi**

The company Clean Energy is the leading provider of natural gas fuel for transportation in the U.S.

They are putting Mississippi on what they call "America's Natural Gas Highway" - opening the state's first natural gas fueling station in Pearl.

Program: Here and Now

Air Date: 9/21/15

Length: 00:03:44

**Merger in rental market shows likelihood of rising rents**

Two big companies that own single-family rentals said today that they are merging.

Starwood Waypoint Residential Trust, a publicly-traded real-estate investment trust, and Colony American Homes are coming together in a sign that they are betting on rents continuing to rise as American home ownership reaches a nearly 50-year low

Program: News Segment

Air Date: 9/24/15

Length: 00:01:40

**More Mississippians working according to latest unemployment numbers, but gains slow**

Willie Mae McIntyre, a former teacher in Houston, Texas has relocated to the Jackson Metro area. She has 22-years of teaching experience and hopes to land a job soon.

Program: Here and Now

Air Date: 9/28/15

Length: 00:05:29

**Credit Cards With Chips Become Standard This Week**

Starting Thursday, credit cards with embedded microchips will become standard, instead of cards having only the magnetic swipe strip on the back.

Program: News Segment

Air Date: 9/29/15

Length: 00:01:27

**MS state veterinarian puts poultry growers on high alert for bird flu prevention**

This spring, the Bird Flu killed more than 48 million chickens and turkeys in some 20 states according to Dr. Jim Watson. The State Veterinarian for Mississippi's Board of Animal Health says it's the worst outbreak in the nation's history. It impacted jobs and led to a 10 percent increase in egg prices nationwide.

# GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS AND POLITICS

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 7/15/15

Length: 00:03:01

## **Obama Sees Long Legacy For Iran Deal; GOP's 2016 Candidates Want It Gone**

In touting Tuesday's Iran accord, President Obama said it would lend strength to future U.S. presidents. But several Republicans vying to be next in the Oval Office strongly disagreed with the deal.

Program: News Segment

Air Date: 8/05/15

Length: 00:01:19

## **Robert gray wins democratic primary for governor**

An unknown, Jackson man [who spent no money on his primary campaign](#) will be Mississippi's Democratic Candidate for Governor in November. 46-year-old Robert Gray received more than 50,000 votes than the party-backed, front-runner Vicki Slater.

Program: News Segment

Air Date: 8/17/15

Length: 00:01:43

## **Biloxi national cemetery running out of room**

The Biloxi National Cemetery is quickly running out of space for new burials. As MPB's Evelina Burnett reports, the cemetery's leadership and local vets are looking for ways to change that.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 9/03/15

Length: 00:03:30

## **Kentucky Clerk Held In Contempt Of Court For Refusing To Issue Marriage Licenses**

Kim Davis was held in contempt and taken into custody Thursday after she defied a Supreme Court order to issue marriage licenses. She says same-sex marriage goes against her religious beliefs.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 9/09/15

Length: 00:04:09

## **Many Question Why The U.S. Isn't Taking In More Syrian Refugees**

Since the start of the Syrian war, the United States has accepted 1,500 refugees — most of them this year. It could take in 8,000 next year. Many are asking why the U.S. isn't doing more.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 9/12/15

Length: 00:03:07

## **President Obama's New 'College Scorecard' Is A Torrent Of Data**

President Obama has been talking about creating a *Consumer Reports*-style college ratings system for more than a year. But the effort seemed to get bogged down in politics and a debate over what metrics to include.

Program: News Segment  
Air Date: 9/21/15  
Length: 00:01:45

### **Ms supreme court launches project to reform guardianship conservatorship laws**

Professionals in the medical, mental health, legal and social services fields statewide are meeting at the Mississippi Supreme Court in Jackson. They're concerned about the state's guardianship and conservatorship laws for vulnerable adults and working to develop solutions.

Program: News Segment  
Air Date: 9/22/15  
Length: 00:01:19

### **Medicaid budget could surpass \$1 billion mark**

The Mississippi Division of Medicaid is asking state lawmakers for a seven-point-four percent increase over last year's budget. The increase would push state support of the agency to over one billion dollars.

Program: News Segment  
Air Date: 9/22/15  
Length: 00:01:21

### **State economy growing at historically slow pace**

The Joint Legislative Budget Committee is meeting with department heads and agency directors in Jackson, this week, for the first round of budget discussions.

Program: All Things Considered  
Air Date: 9/27/15  
Length: 00:03:27

### **Obama begins visit to New York, with a meeting with Putin on itinerary**

President Obama arrived in New York on Sunday for the United Nations General Assembly. Among the items on his agenda: a meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Program: News Segment  
Air Date: 9/29/15  
Length: 00:01:11

### **Mississippi's congressional delegation reacts to announced resignation of u.s. speaker**

Republican House Speaker, John Boehner, took virtually everyone by surprise when he announced he would step down at the end of next month. Mississippi Congressman Bennie Thompson - a Democrat - says the deep tensions within the Republican party have been overwhelming for Boehner.

# HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 7/08/15

Length: 00:02:19

## **Navy, Marine Corps Now Offer 18 Weeks Of Maternity Leave**

The U.S. Navy announced it has tripled the amount of paid maternity leave for personnel in the Navy and Marine Corps. Effective immediately, 18 weeks of maternity leave will be available.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 7/09/15

Length: 00:03:17

## **Some Antidepressants May Pose Increased Risk Of Birth Defects**

Some antidepressants may increase the risk of birth defects if taken early in pregnancy, while others don't seem to pose the same risks, a study finds.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 7/24/15

Length: 00:03:15

## **Doctors Plan Database On Cancer Drugs, Showing Effectiveness And Cost**

A group of cancer doctors is trying to create a database on cancer drugs. It would give a score for each drug, reflecting how well the drug works. It would also list how much the drug costs.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 7/30/15

Length: 00:04:18

## **50 years ago, Medicare helped to desegregate hospitals**

The law creating a national health insurance program for older Americans was signed in 1965 after a long political battle. Renee Montagne talks to Edith Mitchell of the National Medical Association.

Program: News Segment

Air Date: 8/17/15

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## **Surprising reasons why a child's first dental visit should be at one year of age.**

To the surprise of some, the subject of oral health implies much more than healthy teeth. State Dental Director, Dr. Dionne Richardson of the Mississippi Department of Health says a good oral health care plan starts early.

Program: News Segment

Air Date: 9/10/15

Length: 00:01:46

## **"How do you measure up?" Mississippi falls short**

The report called "How Do You Measure Up?" reviewed areas in which states can pass policies that help fight cancer. The categories include cigarette taxes, smoke-free laws and tobacco cessation programs. They say Mississippi falls short on the cigarette tax rate and passing a statewide smoke-free law

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 9/20/15

Length: 00:03:52

### **How the mental health system struggles to prevent mass shootings**

Dr. Matthew Goldenberg, from the Yale University School of Medicine, discusses his *Los Angeles Times* op-ed on why the mental health system in the U.S. can't be relied on to prevent mass shootings.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 9/29/15

Length: 00:02:40

### **Childhood Stress May Prime Pump For Chronic Disease Later**

We might not be able to remember every stressful episode of our childhood.

But the emotional upheaval we experience as kids — whether it's the loss of a loved one, the chronic stress of economic insecurity, or social interactions that leave us tearful or anxious — may have a lifelong impact on our health.

Program: News Segment

Air Date: 9/22/15

Length: 00:01:47

### **New study shows many Mississippians still don't know anything about Obamacare**

Fifty-nine percent of Mississippians polled in a recent survey said they know nothing or little about the Affordable Care Act also known as Obamacare. That's based on follow-up research commissioned by the Center for Mississippi Health Policy

Program: MS Edition

Air Date: 9/23/15

Length: 00:05:29

### **POSSIBLE HEALTH CLINIC CUTS**

State health officials went before members of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in Jackson asking for \$18 million to help reduce a shortfall in this fiscal year's budget. The agency is hurting financially due to a reduction in Medicaid payments and low healthcare fees in recent year

Program: News Segment

Air Date: 9/28/15

Length: 00:01:42

### **Conference held to share strategies to combat Mississippi's high hiv rates**

One pill, taken daily, could greatly reduce the risk of contracting HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. That's what Dr. Leandro Mena with the University of Mississippi Medical Center is saying about PrEP.

Program: Hear and Now

Air Date: 9/30/15

Length: 00:10:29

### **Healing The Body, Along With The Mind**

As founder and medical director of The Trauma Center at Justice Resource Institute in Brookline Massachusetts, Dr. Bessel Van Der Kolk has spent years working with those who have experienced horrific events.

# CHILD AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT

Program: News Segment

Air Date: 8/13/15

Length: 00:01:40

## **Ms same-sex couples file federal lawsuit challenging adoption ban**

Kathy Garner and Susan Hrostowski of Hattiesburg, have been together 26 years. Fifteen years ago, the couple had a child through artificial insemination. Garner says she gave birth to their son six weeks before Mississippi banned same-sex adoption.

Program: News Segment

Air Date: 8/17/15

Length: 00:01:38

## **USDA hosts Mississippi lgbt rural summit**

Ashlee Davis, is at Millsap College, to host a LGBT Rural Summit to educate lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities about what the U.S. Department of Agriculture has to offer. She says there's grants and loans available for a range of needs, including daycare centers, homes and farming.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 9/01/15

Length: 00:03:36

## **Boosting Family Leave Is Often About Getting Workers To Stay**

This has been a banner year for employees seeking greater paid parental leave. [Accenture](#), [Johnson & Johnson](#), [Netflix](#), [Microsoft](#), [Goldman Sachs](#) and the [U.S. Navy](#) are among those that have increased these benefits for employees this year.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 8/23/15

Length: 00:03:50

## **On Babies and Birthright, Rhetoric Outpaces Reality**

Several GOP presidential candidates have been questioning birthright citizenship for the children of immigrants in the U.S. illegally. But there are few policy options to limit the practice.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 9/10/15

Length: 00:04:14

## **More Iraqis Are Leaving Baghdad For A New Life In Europe**

Iraqi violence isn't new, but now there's a perception of an opportunity in Europe for an alternative and many are seizing it.

Program: News Segment

Air Date: 9/11/15

Length: 00:01:32

### **Number of Mississippi grandparents raising grandchildren growing, as they grapple with health issues**

More than 110,000 children in Mississippi, are being raised by grandparents according to the Pinebelt Association for Families, in Hattiesburg. Often, the biological parents are drug abusers, have mental health issues or disabilities and can't take care of the children.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 9/11/15

Length: 00:04:00

### **Making Sure College Is Worth The Cost**

The *US News /& World Report* Best Colleges rankings, the leaderboard of competitive college admissions, are [out this week](#). And all this week on *All Things Considered*, [we've been talking](#) with students who graduated from high school in Montgomery County, Md., four or five years ago.

Program: Here and Now

Air Date: 9/14/15

Length: 00:06:12

### **A Portuguese Town Welcomes Migrant Families**

As some European nations seek to restrict the flow of Middle Eastern migrants across their borders, the town of Batalha in central Portugal is planning to find homes, jobs and schools for four migrant families.

Program: News Segment

Air Date: 9/16/15

Length: 00:01:32

### **Parents are taking a crash course in child passenger safety**

According to the CDC, motor vehicle injuries are a leading cause of death among children in the United States.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 9/16/15

Length: 00:03:52

### **In Colorado, More People Are Insured But Cost Remains An Issue**

On Wednesday, the Census Bureau gave Obamacare some good news: the number of people without health insurance dropped to 10.4 percent in 2014, down from 13.3 percent in 2013.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 9/18/15

Length: 00:01:36

### **Motion filed in federal court seeking full parental rights for two MS same-sex couples**

Under Mississippi law same-sex couples cannot adopt children. That means only one partner can be recognized as the legal parent. Campaign for Southern Equality says that's just wrong because it leaves the partner and the children in legal limbo.

# **ENVIRONMENT, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 7/03/15

Length: 00:02:48

## **Checking dna against elephants hints at how mammoths got woolly**

Scientists say they've found a bit of DNA in woolly mammoths that could help explain how these huge beasts were so well-adapted to live in the cold of the last ice age.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 7/23/15

Length: 00:04:19

## **After cold, icy winters, Lake Michigan is rising rapidly**

Just two years after dropping to a record low, Lake Michigan's water level is rebounding at a near record rate. It's good news for restoring the habitat, but not so good for some who live on the lake.

Program: News Segment

Air Date: 7/24/15

Length: 00:01:26

## **Oyster council gives report to governor**

Department of Marine Resources director Jamie Miller hands Governor Bryant the council's report at a presentation in Biloxi Tuesday. Bryant says the goal is to produce a million sacks of oysters a year by 2025.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 7/24/15

Length: 00:01:53

## **The gene for sweet: why we don't all taste sugar the same way**

Sugar gives the human brain much pleasure. But not everyone revels in cupcakes with an inch of frosting, or milkshakes blended with candy bars, though these crazily sugary treats are increasingly the norm.

Program: MS Edition

Air Date: 7/29/15

Length: 00:01:26

## **NOAA says science, communication improved since Katrina**

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration say that, in the 10 years since Hurricane Katrina, it's made strides in both science and the way it communicates that science. MPB Gulf Coast reporter Evelina Burnett has more.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 8/17/15

Length: 00:04:04

### **To measure drought's reach, researchers scale the mighty sequoia**

The giant sequoias in the Sierra Nevada are one of America's treasures, but for the first time in Sequoia National Park's history, the trees are showing visible signs of exhaustion due to the drought.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 8/19/15

Length: 00:03:24

### **Dry Conditions, Lighting Contribute To Numerous Western Wildfires**

National fire managers have raised the country's alert level to its highest point in two years. Firefighting experts say it's the biggest demand for personnel and equipment since 2007.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 8/31/15

Length: 00:04:00

### **Obama's climate change words and actions don't match, Alaskans say**

President Obama is visiting Alaska this week to highlight his push to fight global warming. Two weeks ago, the Obama administration approved drilling for oil in the Arctic Ocean.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 8/19/15

Length: 00:01:40

### **MS leads nation in advanced wireless information network**

When Hurricane Katrina hit Mississippi ten years ago, record storm surges and winds took out cell phone towers and destroyed communications systems. It also exposed weaknesses in technology used by county workers and officials statewide.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 9/19/15

Length: 00:03:35

### **A Win For The Whales: Navy Agrees To Limit Sonar Use**

As part of a legal settlement with environmental groups, the U.S. Navy has agreed to limit their use of sonar in certain areas off California and Hawaii that are whale habitats.

Program: Here and Now

Air Date: 9/24/15

Length: 00:03:34

### **A closer look at business and tech issues on table between china and U.S.**

The head of China, President Xi Jinping, will continue his U.S. visit this week with a trip to the White House. On Thursday, Xi will be having a private dinner with President Obama. On Friday, there will be an official summit, a 21-gun salute and a formal state dinner, complete with brass band

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 9/28/15

Length: 00:03:33

**Shell To Suspend Oil Exploration In Alaskan Arctic**

After spending \$7 billion, Shell has decided to stop exploration off the coast of Alaska "for the foreseeable future."