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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 2012.*

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

MINORITY CONCERNS

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 01/09/12 – 6a Newscast

Length: 1:45

The Poor Could Have a Harder Time Finding Legal Services... The Mississippi Volunteer Lawyers Project is having to cut back. That means poor residents might have a hard time getting legal help.

Morning Edition

Air Date: 01/20/12

Length: 6:18

“Red Tails” Fought Racism and World War II Foes

All Things Considered

Air Date: 01/26/12

Length: 3:10

In Spanish-Language Ads, a Question of Sincerity

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 01/30/12 – 6a, 7a Newscast

Length: 4:34

Many Black Mississippians Oppose Charter Schools... As the push for charter schools moves forward in Mississippi some opponents fear they will only create greater education inequality.

Tell Me More

Air Date: 01/30/12

Length: 6:25

Native Americans as Slaves, Slave Owners in North

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 02/03/12 – 8a Newscast

Length: 1:45

Keesler Played Key Role in Training African-American Aviation Mechanics... Mississippi's Keesler Air Force Base played a significant role in training aviation mechanics who helped keep the Tuskegee Airmen flying.

Tell Me More

Air Date: 02/10/12

Length: 5:28

Mixed Reactions to First Native American Saint

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 02/15/12 - 8a Newscast

Length: 1:55

Proposed Immigration Law Puts Mississippi on National Radar

Tell Me More

Air Date: 02/17/12

Length: 5:45

American Muslim Women Lift the Veil on Love Lives

Morning Edition

Air Date: 02/22/12

Length: 1:42

Comcast Picks Up 4 Minority-Owned Cable Channels

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 02/24/12 – 7a, 8a Newscast

Length: 1:49

Black Doctors Call on Black Students to Enter Medicine... Increasing the number of black doctors could improve health outcomes in Mississippi.

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 03/05/12 – 6a, 8a Newscast

Length: 1:46

Myrlie Evers-Williams Tells Audience Not To Forget Civil Rights Activists' Sacrifices...

Myrlie Evers-Williams, widow of slain civil rights leader Medgar Evers lectures at the University of Mississippi.

Tell Me More

Air Date: 03/05/12

Length: 9:55

Blacks, Latinos Mark Civil Rights Milestone

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 03/09/12 – 7a Newscast

Length: 1:46

'Achievement Gap' in Mississippi Targeted by Top Education Official... Black Mississippi students struggle compared to their white counterparts.

All Things Considered

Air Date: 03/21/12

Length: 3:28

Was Trayvon Martin's killing a Federal Hate Crime?

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 03/22/12 – 6a, 7a Newscast

Length: 2:32

White Teen Pleads Guilty to Racially Motivated Murder... Deryl Dedmon pleads guilty to running down and killing a Black Jackson man.

Morning Edition

Air Date: 03/26/12

Length: 3:46

Some Cuban-Americans Wary As Cuba Welcomes Pope

EDUCATION

All Things Considered

Air Date: 01/03/12

Length: 4:22

Online School Helps Grown-UPS Finish College

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 01/04/12 – 6a, 7a, 4p Newscast

Length: 3:55

When Schools Fail: Hazlehurst, Institutionalizing a Turnover or a Turnaround?...

Hazlehurst Middle School is amidst an academic and behavior turnaround. The school hired more Teach for America teachers than any school in the country, inheriting the controversial turnover that goes with teacher corps programs.

All Things Considered

Air Date: 01/10/12

Length: 3:25

A Unique Expression of Love for Math

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 01/16/12 – 6a, 8a Newscast

Length: 1:52

Mississippi Ranks 45th in National Education Study... Mississippi schools earn a C minus in a new Quality Counts study.

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 01/19/12 – 6a, 7a Newscast

Length: 1:45

Mississippi Department of Education Testing Teacher Evaluation System... Mississippi is working on a statewide standard for grading teachers.

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 01/24/12 – 6a, 8a Newscast

Length: 1:45

Collaborative Pre-K Recommended for Mississippi... Mississippi is one of only ten states without state-funded preschool, but that could change this legislative session. Education policy group Mississippi First is recommending that the state adopt a collaborative preschool delivery model.

Weekend Edition

Air Date: 01/29/12

Length: 2:02

Dropout Has Thanks, Not Blame, For Teacher

All Things Considered

Air Date: 02/12/12

Length: 3:37

“Shopping Mall Schools” Help Struggling Students

Tell Me More

Air Date: 02/15/12

Length: 9:53

Big Changes Ahead For American Schools

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 02/21/12 – 6a, 7a, 8a Newscast

Length: 1:56

Mississippi’s Charter School Dos and Don’ts... The Mississippi legislature is making adjustments to the Charter School Act of 2012, leaving charter school organizations with a long list of do’s and don’ts.

Tell Me More

Air Date: 02/23/12

Length: 8:18

Are Graduate Degrees Worth The Cost?

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 02/24/12 - 6a, 7a, 4p Newscast

Length: 3:34

Inside Mississippi Teacher Evaluations... Mississippi applied for a waiver to many of the provisions under the federal No Child Left Behind law. But the Obama Administration is asking for several things in return – one of them is teacher evaluations.

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 02/29/12 – 7a Newscast

Length: 1:48

Potential Cuts to Higher Ed. Concern Some Education Officials... As state agencies brace for even deeper cuts next year; officials say education could be one of the most impacted. MPB's Daniel Cherry reports how more cuts to higher education could mean Mississippi will slip even further behind.

Morning Edition

Air Date: 03/01/12

Length: 3:34

To Get Kids to Class, L.A. Softens Its Hard Line

All things Considered

Air Date: 03/05/12

Length: 3:38

Schools Get Tough with Third-Graders

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 03/08/12 – 8a Newscast

Length: 1:45

Education Committee Chairmen Promise Compromise on Charter Schools... Lawmakers continue their examination of bills dealing with Charter schools and school consolidation.

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 03/12/12 – 7a, 8a Newscast

Length: 1:45

Jackson Public Schools Could Lose Accreditation... Accreditation issues haunt one of the state's largest school districts.

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 03/16/12 – 8a Newscast

Length: 1:45

Failing Schools Could Merge with Neighbors... The Merging of failing Mississippi school districts with their non failing neighbors takes a step forward.

Weekend Edition

Air Date: 03/25/12

Length: 2:02

A Teacher's Ultimatum Drives Student's Success

ECONOMY

Weekend Edition

Air Date: 01/07/12

Length: 2:24

The View from the Unemployed

Morning Edition

Air Date: 01/12/12

Length: 5:20

The History of Factory Jobs in America, in One Town

Mississippi Edition (Local Production)

Air Date: 01/17/12

Length: 4:16

Mississippi Leads Nation in Reliance on Food Stamps or SNAP... This weekday news magazine program airs weekday mornings at 8:30 and features the latest news of the day and interviews with the people who are making the news themselves. It provides Mississippi news but also addresses the ways that national and world news affects our state.

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 01/20/12 – 7a, 8a Newscast

Length: 1:50

State Economist Tells Lawmakers to Expect Slow Growth... Lawmakers learn about the direction of the state's economy from the state's economist.

Tell Me More

Air Date: 01/25/12

Length: 6:50

Fact-Checking the State of the U.S. Economy

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 01/27/12 – 6a, 7a Newscast

Length: 1:47

Many Mississippians Can File Taxes for Free... The IRS is hoping a free tax preparation program will take the headache out of tax season for many Mississippians.

All Things Considered

Air Date: 02/01/12

Length: 3:24

New Housing Proposal May Help Millions Refinance

All Things Considered

Air Date: 02/05/12

Length: 2:29

Stopping the “Brain Drain” Of the U.S. Economy

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 02/06/12 – 7a Newscast

Length: 1:46

Mississippians Struggle to Find Affordable Housing While Federal Support Declines... The federal government is send less money to Mississippi to help people find affordable housing.

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 02/17/12 – 8a Newscast

Length: 1:35

3-Million Dollars in Mississippi's Unclaimed Property Account... Unclaimed money in Mississippi tops 3-million dollars.

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 02/21/12 – 7a, 8a Newscast

Length: 1:42

Foreclosures Rising but Help is Available... After years of decline; foreclosures are again on the rise across the country. MPB's Daniel Cherry reports how even though Mississippi remains less impacted than most states, residents facing foreclosure have a tough road ahead.

Morning Edition

Air Date: 02/29/12

Length: 3:02

Record Low Interest Rates Raise Inflation Concerns

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 03/05/12 – 6a, 7a Newscast

Length: 1:45

Advocates Ask Miss. Legislature for \$2.5 Million to Fight HIV/AIDS... HIV/AIDS activists are asking for 2.5 million dollars more from legislators to treat the disease.

Morning Edition

Air Date: 03/14/12

Length: 2:43

Major Banks Pass Fed's Recession Test

All Things Considered

Air Date: 03/15/12

Length: 2:22

Unintended Consequences Emerge In Jobs Act

All Things Considered

Air Date: 03/18/12

Length: 3:16

Is The Weather Helping The Economy?

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 03/22/12 – 6a, 7a, 8a Newscast

Length: 1:42

Early Budget Process moving quickly... Both chambers of the Mississippi legislature are moving quickly to approve a budget.

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 03/27/12 – 6a, 7a Newscast

Length: 1:45

Mississippi House Approves Tax Credits to Offset Inventory Taxes... Mississippi businesses could get a break on their inventory tax.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS AND POLITICS

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 01/04/12 – 6a, 7a, 8a Newscast

Length: 1:56

The New Legislative Session Begins, Brings Big Changes... Republicans are taking a lead role in the course of legislation in Jackson.

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 01/05/12 – 6a, 8a Newscast

Length: 1:45

Even Amid Drawbacks, Mississippi National Guard Still Plays Big Role... Even though troop deployments are drawing down, nearly 50 more Mississippians are heading to Afghanistan.

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 01/11/12 – 6a, 7a, 8a Newscast

Length: 1:15

Bryant Takes Oath as 64th Governor... Phil Bryant is now the state's 64th governor.

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 01/11/12 – 6a, 7a, 8a Newscast

Length: 1:53

Barbour Pardons Nearly 200 Convicted Criminals on Final Day in Office... In his last day as Governor, Haley Barbour pardoned hundreds of convicted criminals: Drawing the ire of those who were their victims.

Morning Edition

Air Date: 01/25/12

Length: 3:09

Members of Congress React to Obama's Speech

Fresh Air

Air Date: 01/26/12

Length: 26:35

Was the Stimulus Package "Money Well Spent"?

Fresh Air

Air Date: 01/31/12

Length: 15:58

How SuperPACs Are "Gaming" The 2012 Campaign

Morning Edition

Air Date: 02/02/12

Length: 3:33

Controversial Voter ID Laws Proposed Across The U.S.

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 02/03/12 – 7a, 8a Newscast

Length: 1:45

Supreme Court Will Decide Pardons Case... The Mississippi Supreme Court has taken up the pardon case. All sides hope the high court can make sense of the matter soon.

Tell Me More

Air Date: 02/03/12

Length: 6:46

Contraception Provision Sets Off Firestorm

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 02/07/12 – 7a, 8a Newscast

Length: 1:30

Republicans Target Attorney General with ‘Sunshine’ Bill... Mississippi Republicans are pushing a bill to limit the power of the attorney general when it comes to representing state agencies.

Fresh Air

Air Date: 02/23/12

Length: 11:56

Understanding the Impact of Citizens United

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 02/27/12 – 6a, 7a Newscast

Length: 1:50

Advocates Call on Legislature for Drug Law Sentencing Reform... Advocates are calling for Mississippi legislators to reform drug sentencing laws in the state. MPB’s Daniel Cherry reports how Mississippi’s punishment of drug offenders is among the toughest in the nation.

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 02/28/12 – 6a, 7a Newscast

Length: 1:46

Inflated Voter Rolls Still a Problem in Mississippi... 16 of 82 Miss. counties have inflated voter rolls. What’s being done to fix the problem?

All Things Considered

Air Date: 03/01/12

Length: 2:53

Majorities in Senate and Public Support Birth Control Coverage

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 03/09/12 – 6a, 7a, 8a Newscast

Length: 1:26

GOP Presidential Candidates Come To Mississippi... GOP candidates hurry to meet Mississippi voters before Tuesday's primary.

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 03/11/12 – 6a, 8a Newscast

Length: 1:45

AG Hood and Victims: Pardon Reform Needed... The last five inmates remaining in prison after being pardoned by former Governor Haley Barbour were released over the weekend, following the Mississippi Supreme Court's decision to uphold the pardons.

Tell Me More

Air Date: 03/13/12

Length: 3:35

Is The Voting Rights Act Still Necessary?

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 03/15/12 – 6a, 7a, 8a Newscast

Length: 1:51

Mississippi House Passes Voter ID Bill... Mississippi voters are one step closer to showing photo identification when they head to the polls.

All Things Considered

Air Date: 03/26/12

Length: 2:40

Protesters Rally outside Supreme Court

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 03/30/12 – 6a Newscast

Length: 1:45

Personhood Protesters Tell Lawmakers, No Means No... Pro choice women and men rally against anti abortion legislation in Mississippi.

HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE

Weekend Edition

Air Date: 01/01/12

Length: 4:54

A New Year's Forecast for the Health Care Bill

All Things Considered

Air Date: 01/17/12

Length: 3:05

Obesity Epidemic May Have Peaked In U.S.

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 01/19/12 – 7a, 8a Newscast

Length: 1:47

Mississippi Women Much More Likely to Die from Cervical Cancer... Women in Mississippi diagnosed with cervical cancer are nearly twice as likely to die from it as the average American woman.

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 01/20/12 – 6a, 7a Newscast

Length: 1:45

Public Health Report Card Shows Mississippi is still failing... Health officials have released a report showing there has been little improvement in Mississippi's overall public health.

All Things Considered

Air Date: 01/26/12

Length: 2:40

Home Births Grow More Popular In U.S.

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 02/06/12 – 7a, 8a Newscast

Length: 2:00

Heart Disease Linked to Mississippi's Multitude of Health Problems... Heart disease is the leading killer of women across the nation and the issue is multiplied in Mississippi with stubborn problems of obesity, unhealthy diets and inadequate exercise.

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 02/07/12 – 6a, 7a Newscast

Length: 1:48

Health Advocates Pushing for Smoking Bans... Advocates are asking lawmakers to ban smoking in public places and in some cases, even on the roadways.

Air All Things Considered

Date: 02/10/12

Length: 3:23

New Policy Makes Insurers Pay for Birth Control

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 02/14/12 – 6a, 7a Newscast

Length: 1:48

Proposed Medicaid Changes Could Effect Enrollment... Proposed changes in the state's Medicaid program could have sharp implications.

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 02/20/12 – 7a, 8a Newscast

Length: 1:42

Leaders Hope to Address Mississippi's Nurse Shortage... Most public health statistics show Mississippi is the most unhealthy state in the nation, and a critical nurse shortage is hampering access to care for many residents. MPB's Daniel Cherry reports how advocates are calling for policy changes to alleviate the need for more people on the health care front lines.

Morning Edition

Air Date: 02/20/12

Length: 2:41

Does Tylenol Worsen Asthma For Kids?

Tell Me More

Air Date: 02/21/12

Length: 2:35

When Parents Are Addicts, What Happens To Kids?

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 03/01/12 – 7a Newscast

Length: 1:53

Half of All Mississippi Kids Could Soon Be On Medicaid or CHIP... An expansion of Medicaid could mean more coverage for Mississippi kids.

All Things Considered

Air Date: 03/12/12

Length: 3:19

Death by Bacon? Study Finds Eating Meat Is Risky

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 03/14/12 – 6a, 7a, 4p Newscast

Length: 3:59

Pregnant in the Classroom: Condom Demonstrations... Condom demonstrations could make or break Mississippi sex education policy. The Department of Education has a team reviewing proposed sex education programs, but so far they haven't chosen a single curriculum that is evidence based, or proven to work by the Centers for Disease Control.

Weekend Edition

Air Date: 03/18/12

Length: 5:15

Troops' Mental Health

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 03/21/12 – 7a, 8a Newscast

Length: 1:45

Medical Claims Included in Proposed \$8 Billion BP Settlement... Millions of dollars from the BP settlement may soon be coming to Mississippi gulf coast residents.

Morning Edition

Air Date: 03/26/12

Length: 3:52

Hospitals Warn Smart phones Could Distract Doctors

CHILD AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT

All Things Considered

Air Date: 01/03/12

Length: 3:40

Why a Teen Who Talks Back May Have a Bright Future

All Things Considered

Air Date: 01/26/12

Length: 2:40

Home Births Grow More Popular In U.S.

Tell Me More

Air Date: 01/31/12

Length: 13:34

Teaching Our Kids to Be Tolerant

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 02/16/12 – 6a, 7a, 8a Newscast

Length: 1:49

Mississippi Seat Belt Usage on the Rise, Fatalities Down... Highway safety officials say seat belts are catching on in Mississippi. MPB's Daniel Cherry reports how advocates say enforcement of seat belt laws saves hundreds of lives each year.

All Things Considered

Air Date: 02/18/12

Length: 4:52

The Future of Children's Books

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 02/28/12 – 7a, 8a Newscast

Length: 1:38

Mississippi Could End Practice of Putting Juvenile Offenders in Privately Run Prisons... Juvenile justice advocates say the state has agreed to end putting children in private prisons.

Tell Me More

Air Date: 02/28/12

Length: 13:54

Single Motherhood

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 03/01/12 – 7a Newscast

Length: 1:53

Half of All Mississippi Kids Could Soon Be On Medicaid or CHIP... An expansion of Medicaid could mean more coverage for Mississippi kids.

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 03/08/12 – 6a, 8a Newscast

Length: 1:45

Feed the Children Helps 400 Needy Mississippi Families... FEED THE CHILDREN distributes a semi tractor full of food and essentials to 400 needy families in Tylertown.

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 03/27/12 – 7a, 8a Newscast

Length: 1:45

Officials: “Binge Drinking is the Norm for Youth”... Underage drinking poses big risks.

Morning Edition

Air Date: 03/30/12

Length: 1:56

“Bully” Examines Students Targeted By Their Peers

ENVIRONMENT, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

All Things Considered

Air Date: 01/05/12

Length: 3:29

How a Computer Scientist Tried To Save Greece

All Things Considered

Air Date: 01/09/12

Length: 3:42

NASA Challenges Sale of Apollo 13 Artifact

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 01/10/12 – 6a, 7a Newscast

Length: 1:45

Miss. Agriculture Sets Record Value, Farmers Still Feeling the Pinch... Mississippi's agriculture industries had their best year ever in 2011. Unfortunately for growers, high front end costs are cutting deep into their bottom line.

All Things Considered

Air Date: 01/24/12

Length: 2:53

Common Chemicals Could Make Kids' Vaccines less Effective

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 02/03/12 – 6a, 7a Newscast

Length: 1:51

200 Years after the New Madrid Earthquakes: Time for more... Exactly 200 years ago, a series of strong earthquakes hit an area stretching from Illinois – all the way down to Mississippi. Experts say that the likelihood of another major quake is rising steadily.

Morning Edition

Air Date: 02/10/12

Length: 00:28

Kodak to Stop Making Digital Cameras

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 02/17/12 – 6a, 7a Newscast

Length: 1:59

Revised Seismic Testing and Drilling Rules Sent to Secretary of State... Mississippi Development Authority submitted revised drilling rules Feb. 15. After 30 days, the state may issue permits for seismic testing, then leases for drilling.

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 02/22/12 – 7a Newscast

Length: 2:02

Pascagoula Fertilizer Plant Fixing Environmental Violations... A fertilizer plant in Pascagoula is correcting a series of environmental violations.

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 03/01/12 – 6a, 8a Newscast

Length: 1:40

BP Assures Gulf Coast Leaders Restoration Efforts Have Far-Reaching Goals... BP officials say in addition to restoring the environment of the Gulf Coast, the company is working with communities to rebuild public trust in the beaches, the water and the seafood.

Morning Edition

Air Date: 03/07/12

Length: 4:24

Farmers Face Tough Choice on Ways to Fight New Strains of Weeds

All Things Considered

Air Date: 03/08/12

Length: 3:47

Solar Storm's Impact on Earth Weaker than Predicted

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 03/09/12 – 6a, 7a Newscast

Length: 4:14

Drilling Remains a Hot Button Issue with Energy Summit and Seismic Testing Permits... Beginning March 19, seismic testing permits will be offered by the Mississippi Development Authority. No date has been set, so far, to offer leases for drilling.

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 03/19/12 – 6a, 8a Newscast

Length: 1:59

Second Dead Zone in the Gulf Stretches along Mississippi Coast... A recent study found a dead zone, where oxygen is too low to support life, in the Gulf stretching along Mississippi's barrier islands.

All Things Considered

Air Date: 03/19/12

Length: 2:59

Digital Technologies Give Dying Languages New Life

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 03/27/12 – 6a, 8a Newscast

Length: 1:45

Spike in Dead Sea Turtles on Mississippi Beaches Concerns Scientists and Residents...

Scientists are baffled by the number of dead turtles washing up on Mississippi beaches.

News Segment (Local Production)

Air Date: 03/30/12 – 6a, 7a Newscast

Length: 1:34

Kemper Coal Plant Gets Temporary Go Ahead... A one-minute meeting leads to a restart in construction of a controversial power plant.