# Public Radio Stations of Mississippi Public Broadcasting

Quarterly Issues and Programs Report for the period of January 1, 2018 to March 31, 2018

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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 2018.

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

## **MINORITY CONCERNS**

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 02/01/18 Length: 00:01:26

### BLACK MALES ARE CHASING CHESS AT AN INNER CITY HIGH SCHOOL

A group of students at an inner-city Mississippi high school say they are learning to move in life while making moves on the chess board.

.Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 02/02/18 Length: 00:01:33

#### MISSISSIPPIANS MARK CLYDE KENNARD'S HISTORY AND LEGACY AT USM

A group of professors at the University of Southern Mississippi is hoping a new marker on campus honoring Clyde Kennard will strengthen the community's commitment to social justice and equity.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 2/13/18 Length: 00:01:25

#### AFRICAN HERITAGE COOKING CLASS DEBUTS IN MISSISSIPPI

Members of a national food education organization are debuting a cooking class in Mississippi based on African diets. They hope it will help the state address health disparities common among African Americans.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 2/20/18 Length: 00:02:33

# 'Black Panther' Success Proves That Movies With Black Actors Can Do Well Internationally

Black Panther broke records and crushed expectations at the box office it. Not just here in the States, but in foreign markets too.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 2/22/18 Length: 00:04:14

## A New Jersey Lawyer And DACA Recipient

Parthiv Patel passed the bar in 2016 but he couldn't become a lawyer because of his immigration status.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 02/22/18 Length: 00:01:45 **W.E.B. Du Bois At 150** 

The great African-American sociologist, historian and writer W.E.B. Du Bois was born 150 years ago this week.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 02/27/18 Length: 00:01:26

# \$50,000 MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIFE OF A FIRST GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENT

The Thurgood Marshall College Fund is awarding four \$50,000 scholarships to high performing first-generation students at historically black colleges.

Program: Fresh Air Air Date: 3/05/18 Length: 00:43:17

# **Mexican-American Author Finds Inspiration In Family, Tragedy And Trump**

Growing up with a Mexican father and an American mother, author Luis Alberto Urrea often felt like there was a border wall running through his family's San Diego apartment.

## **EDUCATION**

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 01/04/18 Length: 00:03:35

### **Baltimore Schools Closed After Outrage Over Frigid Classrooms**

Baltimore's public schools closed Thursday after parents and educators there complained students were enduring frigid classrooms with plumbing issues — conditions the local teachers union called "inhumane."

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 1/11/18 Length: 00:03:49

### School Closures Loom In Puerto Rico As Enrollment Shrinks After Maria

Gaspar Vila Mayans elementary school, in a low-income area in Puerto Rico's capital of San Juan, was one of the lucky ones. Most of the building escaped damage, and the school was able to reopen just two weeks after Hurricane Maria hit in late September.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 1/24/18 Length: 00:01:36

### SCHOOL CHOICE SUPPORTERS RALLY AT CAPITOL, ONE FAMILY'S STORY

School choice supporters are making their voices heard at Mississippi's state capitol.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 1/29/18 Length: 00:03:48

# **Nearly 9,000 DACA Teachers Face An Uncertain Future**

Of the 690,000 undocumented immigrants now facing an uncertain future as Congress and President Trump wrangle over the DACA program are about 8,800 school teachers.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 2/02/18 Length: 00:07:14

#### CONTROVERSIAL ED SCHOLARSHIP BILL HEADED TO FULL SENATE

A controversial bill is making it's way through the Mississippi legislature that would use taxpayer dollars to pay for private school tuition.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 3/11/18 Length: 00:06:26

#### How One Teacher Tweaked Her Lesson Plan For A New Career

Growing up, Liz Stepansky, the daughter of two schoolteachers in small town Illinois, thought teaching was the way to a stable, meaningful life

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 03/22/18 Length: 00:01:32

## EDUCATORS IN MISSISSIPPI LEARN HOW TO HANDLE AN ACTIVE SHOOTER

Educators in Mississippi are learning what to do and what not to do if an active shooter is on campus.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 03/26/18 Length: 00:01:42

## MARCH FOR OUR LIVES: STUDENTS LEAD RALLIES ACROSS THE STATE

Young people from across Mississippi spent the weekend speaking out against gun violence and school shootings.

## **ECONOMY**

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 1/23/18 Length: 00:03:52

## **World's Most Influential People Gather For Davos Economic Forum**

Some of the world's most influential politicians, CEOs, artists and thinkers are in Davos, Switzerland, this week for the annual World Economic Forum.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 02/06/18 Length: 00:05:04

## **Dow Experiences Biggest Point Drop In History**

The drop on the Dow Jones Industrial Average on Monday was 1,175 points.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 02/07/18 Length: 00:04:53

## White House Says Despite Stock Market Volatility, Economy Is Doing Well

The stock market swung dramatically up and down on Wednesday, ending about where it started the day — after record losses earlier in the week.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 2/12/18 Length: 00:01:23

# EMPLOYMENT BILL WITH EQUAL PAY PROVISION ATTACHED RAISES CONCERNS

A House bill applauded for its attempt to make equal pay a state law is facing some criticism for its other impacts on Mississippi communities.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 02/16/18 Length: 00:01:37

#### SENATE BILL RAISES CIGARETTE TAX \$1.50 TO SAVE MONEY

A Mississippi lawmaker is promoting a bill that would increase the tobacco tax by \$1.50. He says it's not about making money but saving it.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 02/20/18 Length: 00:01:11

### NEW PLAN DIRECTS \$1 BILLION TO MISSISSIPPI ROADS

Senate leaders are pushing a plan that could put more than a billion dollars into Mississippi's crumbling infrastructure.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 03/23/18 Length: 00:01:43

## HOUSE VOTES TO JOIN INITIATIVE TO CUT NATIONAL DEBT

Mississippi lawmakers are not just focused on the state's budget, they're debating the national debt.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 3/30/18 Length: 00:03:30

# Taxes On Natural Gas Pipelines Can Result In Money Flow For Rural Schools

A new natural gas pipeline could result in a multi-million dollar windfall for Cloverleaf School District in rural Ohio.

## **GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS AND POLITICS**

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 1/29/18 Length: 00:01:24

#### STATE FUNDS COULD HELP FIRE OFFICIALS REPLACE AGING TRUCKS

Despite some claims Jackson is a sanctuary city for undocumented immigrants, a civil rights attorney says that's not so.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 01/31/18 Length: 00:01:52

## EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK FAILS TO GARNER ENOUGH SUPPORT

Attempts to make equal pay for equal work a state law in Mississippi continues to fall short of the support needed in the legislature.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 2/01/18 Length: 00:01:34

### HIGH HOPES FOR STATE LOTTERY DASHED

It could be another year or more before Mississippi has a lottery. Despite high hopes some lawmakers say getting the bills to the floor for a vote is a challenge.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 2/22/18 Length: 00:03:47

## Mueller Brings More Charges Against Manafort, Gates

A federal grand jury unveiled new charges on Thursday against Donald Trump's former campaign chairman Paul Manafort and his business associate Rick Gates, accusing them of a broader range of financial crimes.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 2/23/18 Length: 00:04:16

# Why Major Companies Are Severing Ties With The NRA After Parkland Shooting

In the last 24 hours, several companies have severed corporate partnerships with the National Rifle Association - car rental companies, insurers and a major hotel group, among others.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 02/23/18 Length: 00:04:14

# **Republican Donor Breaks With Party Over Gun Legislation**

Al Hoffman Jr. was once a major figure in the Republican Party.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 3/13/18 Length: 00:03:56

## On Visit To California, President Trump Reviews Prototypes For Border Wall

For the first time since he was elected, President Trump is visiting California to review progress on border wall prototypes, address service personnel at a Marine base and attend a fundraiser in the Los Angeles area.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 3/22/18 Length: 00:01:35

### GOV. APPOINTS FIRST WOMAN TO REPRESENT STATE IN CONGRESS

It's a first for Mississippi. The governor is appointing a woman to replace retiring U.S. Senator Thad Cochran.

# **HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE**

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 01/31/18 Length: 00:01:40

# PHYSICIANS WANT LESS RESTRICTIONS ON THEIR ACCESS TO PROVIDE SPECIAL SERVICES

A group of community doctors is hoping legislators will scratch a certification requirement. They feel it's hindering them from providing services in rural areas.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 02/05/18 Length: 00:01:41

# SENATE BILL TO REAUTHORIZE MEDICAID ONE OF MOST SIGNIFICANT MEASURES UP FOR REVIEW

One of the most significant bills Mississippi lawmakers will take up this legislative session is reauthorizing the state's Medicaid program.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 02/06/18 Length: 00:01:36

### A MISS. BILL THAT BANS ABORTION AFTER 15 WEEKS HEADED TO SENATE

A Mississippi bill that would ban abortion after 15 weeks except in medical emergencies is making it's way to the Senate.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 02/09/18 Length: 00:01:35

### HOUSE PASSES ITS VERSION OF MEDICAID BILL, NOW ONTO THE SENATE

A house version of a bill to keep Mississippi's Medicaid program operating includes re-bidding contracts and creating a pilot program for sick children.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 3/21/18 Length: 00:01:43

### FEDERAL JUDGE STOPS 15-WEEK ABORTION BAN, WOMAN HAS PROCEDURE

A federal judge is stopping Mississippi's new 15-week abortion ban from taking effect, while attorneys prepare for a lawsuit.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 3/22/18 Length: 00:03:31

## **Volunteer Network In Ireland Helps Women Get Access To Abortions**

Ireland holds a referendum on abortion this spring. Abortion is illegal there, but a network of providers and volunteers helps thousands of women a year go abroad for the procedure, mostly to the U.K.

Program: Fresh Air Air Date: 3/27/18 Length: 00:19:19

# How 'Bad Medicine' Dismisses And Misdiagnoses Women's Symptoms

When journalist Maya Dusenbery was in her 20s, she started experiencing progressive pain in her joints, which she learned was caused by rheumatoid arthritis.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 3/30/18 Length: 00:03:29

## Time's Running Out For Many Frail, Older People In Puerto Rico

Straddled across Ausberto Maldonado's backyard in Bayamon, Puerto Rico, a suburb of San Juan, is a nagging reminder of Hurricane Maria's destructive power.

### CHILD AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT

Program: Weekend Edition

Air Date: 1/27/18 Length: 00:05:10

# What Do Asthma, Heart Disease And Cancer Have In Common? Maybe Childhood Trauma

"Trauma" is a heavy and haunting word. For many Americans, it conjures images of troops returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 02/05/18 Length: 00:01:23

#### E-CIGARETTE USE INCREASE AMONG TEENS IN MISSISSIPPI

Health advocates and physicians are worried about the long-term health impact of using e-cigarettes.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 02/06/18 Length: 00:01:21

### UMMC PROVIDES FREE DENTAL CARE TO LOW INCOME CHILDREN

A group of elementary children are practicing their numbers while they wait to get their teeth cleaned at the University of Mississippi Medical Center's School of Dentistry.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 2/15/18 Length: 00:01:42

### ED ADVOCATES URGE SENATORS TO VISIT POOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Education advocates want Mississippi lawmakers to visit poor school districts and listen to communities before they adopt a new funding formula.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 2/16/18 Length: 00:03:59

# Classes Resume At Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School 2 Weeks After 17 Killed

Classes resumed today at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., exactly two weeks since 17 children and adults were killed there.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 2/23/18 Length: 00:03:57

# **President Trump Is Pushing Several Ideas To Prevent School Shootings**

President Trump says he's determined to put an end to school shootings in the U.S.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 3/05/18 Length: 00:03:55

# How Families In West Virginia Are Dealing With Child Care As Teachers' Strike Continues

Teachers in West Virginia are entering their eighth day of a statewide strike.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 3/19/18 Length: 00:01:29

# LEGISLATORS HOLD A HEARING TO LEARN MORE ABOUT FUNDING CHILDCARE

A Mississippi lawmaker say it's time to make low-income childcare a top priority in the state.

# **ENVIRONMENT, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 1/04/18 Length: 0:02:01

### Cybersecurity Researchers Find Major Flaws In Widely-Used Computer Chips

Major security vulnerabilities exist in the chips of most of the world's computers.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 1/08/18 Length: 0:03:52

## The Most-Hyped Items For This Year's Consumer Electronics Show

The annual Consumer Electronics Show aims to forecast which tech items will become parts of our daily lives.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 02/12/18 Length: 00:04:24

## What Happens When You Fill A House With 'Smart' Technology

Lots of us are putting smart speakers in our homes.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 03/21/18 Length: 00:03:56

# Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg Responds To Cambridge Analytica Scandal

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg has broken his silence addressing the controversy over how a voter targeting firm harvested the personal data of some 50 million users.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 3/22/18 Length: 00:03:36

## Why The Graphing Calculator Hasn't Changed Much Since 1994

Many tech companies keep customers buying by constantly updating their products with new features.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 3/22/18 Length: 00:04:16

# California Residents Bracing For More Mudslides

Parts of Southern California are bracing for mudslides as the rain pours down today.