

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

*Quarterly Issues and Programs Report*

*For the period of October 1, 2017 to December 31, 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 fourth quarter of 2017.*

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

# MINORITY CONCERNS

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 10/03/17

Length: 00:03:30

## **Many Black Families Watching As 'Take a Knee' NFL Protests Continue**

The silent protests or demonstrations of solidarity have turned off some fans.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 10/06/17

Length: 00:01:44

## **Today 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Activist Who Battled Discrimination and Cancer**

Today is the 100th Birthday of Mississippi native and voting rights activist Fannie Lou Hamer.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 10/13/17

Length: 00:01:24

## **Civil Rights Group Urges HB1523 Vigilance**

A Mississippi civil rights group is asking people to report any discrimination that results from a new religious freedom law.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 10/19/17

Length: 00:07:02

## **All-Boys School in D.C. Focuses on Helping Young Men of Color**

The public school is designed to meet the needs of young men of color.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 11/16/17

Length: 00:01:31

## **Choctaw Tribe Will Vote Today on New Casino**

Voters in the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians will decide whether to build a casino on tribal land in the Red Water community.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 11/28/17

Length: 00:04:03

## **New Generation of Transgender Americans Wants To Change Laws, Not Just Minds**

Rivera lives with the pain of trading contact with her family for the joy of being herself among her peers. Rivera says her generation is becoming transgender-friendly.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 12/09/17

Length: 00:02:00

**Civil Rights Leaders Protest Trump's Visit**

NAACP head Derrick Johnson and Jackson's Democratic Mayor Chokwe Lumumba held a news conference Saturday morning in downtown Jackson before President Donald Trump's visit to the two new museums.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 12/25/17

Length: 00:05:42

**Why Do Jewish People Eat Chinese Food On Christmas?**

When and why did Jews start eating Chinese food on Christmas?

# EDUCATION

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 10/10/17

Length: 00:01:44

## **Students in State's 2<sup>nd</sup> Largest School District Against Takeover**

High school students in Mississippi's 2nd largest school district say the state's plan to take over the system won't solve their problems.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 10/18/17

Length: 00:08:06

## **At Ron Brown College Preparatory High School, Students Are Kings, Not Kids**

Washington D.C. has created a public school designed to meet the needs of young men of color.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 10/19/17

Length: 00:03:53

## **Young Children Are Spending Much More Time In Front Of Small Screens**

It's not your imagination: Tiny tots are spending dramatically more time with tiny screens.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 10/23/17

Length: 00:03:56

## **In Turkey, Teachers, Parents Concerned About Religious Nature of New Curriculum**

Schoolchildren are back in class in Turkey, but concern is growing about the latest changes to the curriculum that emphasize religion in what has long been a secular school system.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 11/13/17

Length: 00:01:43

## **Ed Funding and School Choice Among Legislative Issues to Watch**

Funding Mississippi public schools and school choice are some of the issues education advocates are debating ahead of the 2018 legislative session.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 11/16/17

Length: 00:03:36

## **Native American Students Fight Discrimination by Celebrating Their Heritage**

Ask students in the Mohawk Club at Massena Central High School whether they've been on the receiving end of negative stereotypes, and the answer is quick and sharp.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 11/17/17

Length: 00:01:27

**Kellogg Grant Could Help Thousands Earn College Degrees**

Thousands of adult students could return to colleges and universities across the state to complete their degrees.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 12/06/17

Length: 00:01:45

**Money for Special Needs Students Goes Unspent**

Some state funds allocated to help special education students are not being put to use according to data from the Mississippi Department of Education.

# ECONOMY

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 10/06/17

Length: 00:03:30

## **After Harvey, One Group Is Hoping Giving Away Cash Will Help Houstonians Rebuild**

GiveDirectly is a group trying an approach to rebuild Houston modeled from anti-poverty work in Africa.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 10/06/17

Length: 00:02:54

## **Storm-Battered U.S. Economy Lost 33,000 Jobs in September**

The Labor Department also says the unemployment rate fell to 4.2 percent. The monthly jobs report was likely skewed by the impact of hurricanes that hit in late August and mid-September.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 10/17/17

Length: 00:03:27

## **Denver Failed To Land Boeing. Now It's Using Lifestyle to Woo Amazon**

Sixteen years ago, a Seattle-based company said it planned to move its headquarters to the city that would make it the best deal.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 11/02/17

Length: 00:03:57

## **Why A Chinese Company Invested Billions Of Dollars In The U.S.**

A mysterious Chinese company has invested billions of dollars in the U.S. during a two-year span.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 11/20/17

Length: 00:01:42

## **Public Health Groups Calling for Tobacco Tax Increase**

More than 20 public health organizations in Mississippi are asking lawmakers to raise the tax on tobacco products.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 12/05/17

Length: 00:01:38

## **Impending Federal Tax Reform in Mississippi**

The way Americans pay federal taxes may soon change. The House and Senate must go to conference committee to hammer out the details of a new tax plan before sending it to the President's desk.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 12/14/17

Length: 00:01:20

**Study Finds Doctors have Billion \$ Impact in Mississippi**

Mississippi doctors are having a multi-billion dollar impact on economic growth. A new study on the medical industry shows how deep the dollars go.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 12/27/17

Length: 00:01:28

**Mississippi Dangerous for Some Workers Says Report**

Workplaces in Mississippi need to do more for employees hurt on the job, according to a new study.

# **GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS AND POLITICS**

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 10/31/17

Length: 00:04:43

## **A Look at the State of Diplomatic Efforts in Afghanistan**

The U.S. military is sending more soldiers and marines to Afghanistan to work with Afghan forces at small combat outposts.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 11/01/17

Length: 00:03:18

## **Need Help Picking An ACA Health Plan? Some States Are Reaching Out**

Minnesota's ACA insurance exchange, MNsure, is spending state money this year to hire health care navigators who reach out to consumers to answer questions and help them find the right health plan.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 11/01/17

Length: 00:03:58

## **Who Is George Papadopoulos?**

We hear about the history of George Papadopoulos, who advised the Trump campaign on foreign policy and has now pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI about his interactions with Russians.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 11/06/17

Length: 00:01:29

## **More Work Needed to Improve Graduation Rates at State Universities**

A state committee tasked with raising graduation rates for Mississippi's eight public universities says more work needs to be done.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 11/13/17

Length: 00:01:44

## **Wicker: Mississippi Veterans Deserve Better from VA Hospitals**

A Mississippi Senator is asking the head of the Veterans Administration for answers to the low performance rating for the state's two veteran's hospitals.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 11/17/17

Length: 00:01:33

## **Mississippi Gaming Industry Says Paper Lottery Tickets Ok, Opposes VLT's**

The gaming industry in Mississippi would support a state lottery, only if it were limited to paper tickets.



Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 12/07/17

Length: 00:01:38

**STATE AGENCIES ROLL-OUT OPIOID AWARENESS CAMPAIGN**

Mississippi officials are rolling-out a new public awareness campaign to educate people about opioid abuse and options for treatment.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 12/12/17

Length: 00:01:45

**Key Republican Lawmaker Resigns Amid Sexual Harassment Claims**

A Republican member of the State House of Representatives has resigned his post in the midst of sexual harassment allegations.

# HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 10/05/17

Length: 00:01:51

## **New HIV Study Co-Authored By Miss. Doctor Drawing National Attention**

A newly published study about HIV conducted in Mississippi, could reduce the alarming spread of the infection in the state and nationwide.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 10/06/17

Length: 00:03:29

## **The Public Therapists of Sao Paulo**

In a public park in Sao Paulo, Brazil, a handful of psychotherapists are open for business. This is literally a public service — they've set up shop on folding beach chairs in a busy city park.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 10/09/17

Length: 00:01:42

## **Mental Health Task Force Takes on Red Tape and Training**

A new Mississippi task force is working to serve families who have loved ones with mental health challenges.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 10/26/17

Length: 00:05:19

## **Racism Is Literally Bad For Your Health**

Most people can acknowledge that discrimination has an insidious effect on the lives of minorities, even when it's unintentional.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 11/06/17

Length: 00:01:24

## **Couch Potato Lifestyle Promotes Diabetes in Mississippi**

Mississippi continues to lead the country in the overall prevalence of diabetes.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 11/14/17

Length: 00:04:04

## **With Stricter Guidelines, Do You Have High Blood Pressure Now?**

You may not have had high blood pressure Sunday, but you may have it today.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 12/05/17

Length: 00:06:15

**First Baby Born To U.S. Uterus Transplant Patient Raises Ethics Questions**

Beautiful. Pure. Natural. Medicine at its pinnacle

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 12/21/17

Length: 00:04:51

**Opioid Abuse Takes Toll on Children and Foster Care System**

As opioid abuse in Mississippi continues to rise, so does the number of children in foster care.

## **CHILD AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT**

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 10/24/17

Length: 00:04:39

### **Children Orphaned By Battle Against ISIS Remain Vulnerable Amid Conflict**

The battle to force ISIS out of Mosul ended a few months ago, but the impact that ISIS — and the battle — had on that city's children will most likely last their lifetimes.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 10/30/17

Length: 00:03:42

### **Your Health: Alexa, Are You Safe for My Kids?**

Earlier this month, the toy-giant Mattel announced it had pulled the plug on plans to sell an interactive gadget for children.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 11/14/17

Length: 00:03:53

### **Increased Hours Online Correlate with an Uptick in Teen Depression, Suicidal Thoughts**

A study published Tuesday in the journal Clinical Psychological Science finds that increased time spent with popular electronic devices.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 11/22/17

Length: 00:01:28

### **A Home Away from Home for Families During Thanksgiving**

Thanksgiving is the time of year when families come together to celebrate the holiday. But for parents of children who are hospitalized away from home that can be difficult.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 11/27/17

Length: 00:03:26

### **All Tech Considered: How Tech Companies are Catering to Generation Z Teens**

Kids born after 1995, also known as Generation Z, will make up 40 percent of consumers by 2020, and retailers are desperate for their attention.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 12/01/17

Length: 00:01:40

### **UMMC Breaks Ground for \$180 Million Children's Hospital Expansion**

A new state of the art facility is going-up adjacent to Mississippi's only children's hospital.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 12/13/17

Length: 00:01:37

**Expert: Educating Kids from Birth Gives Economic Benefits**

Experts say buying into early childhood education results in a better workforce.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 12/20/17

Length: 00:01:39

**Mississippi's Homelessness Declines**

This week, some Mississippians are bringing awareness to the state's homeless population.

# **ENVIRONMENT, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 10/03/17

Length: 0:01:41

## **Cat Island Restoration Nears Completion**

A \$16 million dollar project to restore one of Mississippi's barrier islands will conclude later this month.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 10/31/17

Length: 00:02:53

## **Scientists From Around the World Report on Health Effects from Climate Change**

For decades, scientists have been making predictions about how climate change will hurt health around the world.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 11/16/17

Length: 00:04:03

## **Why Google Home Has Hard Time Recognizing the Smash Hit 'Despacito'**

The Latin Grammy nominated song "Despacito" is a smash hit on YouTube. But if you ask Google's personal assistant to play "Despacito" it can't understand the command.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 11/24/17

Length: 00:02:16

## **Earth is Lit, and That's a Problem**

The ever-widening use of artificial lights is making the nighttime Earth glow increasingly brighter, with the amount of global light growing about 2 percent each year.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 11/27/17

Length: 00:01:23

## **Christmas Tree Farmers Expect to Sell More This Year**

There's a high demand for fresh Christmas trees in Mississippi.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 12/11/17

Length: 00:03:17

## **In Effort to Court Drivers, Lyft Offering Education Discounts**

Lyft is unveiling a new education program for drivers, offering access to discounted GED and college courses online.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 12/19/17

Length: 0:05:59

**Illinois Holocaust Museum Preserves Survivors' Stories – As Holograms**

Holocaust survivor Sam Harris has told the story of how he survived the Holocaust hundreds of times.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 12/19/17

Length: 00:01:30

**EMS in Mississippi Giving Life-Saving Drug Overdose Antidote Frequently**

So far this year, there have been more than 200 opioid-related overdose deaths in Mississippi.