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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 2016.*

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

MINORITY CONCERNS

Program: All Things Considered
Air Date: 1/17/16
Length: 00:03:12

Deportations, Rumors Stir Fear Among Immigrants

Late last year, it was revealed that the Department of Homeland Security was going to step up pursuit of people with deportation orders. Arrests took place the first weekend of January; DHS has confirmed that 121 people were detained in those operations.

Program: All Things Considered
Air Date: 1/30/16
Length: 00:03:48

Feds Hopeful Hispanics Will Respond As Open Enrollment Comes To A Close

There's football season, hunting season, and the holiday season. Overlapping all of these is something decidedly less fun and sexy: open enrollment season for health insurance.

Program: NPR News Segment
Air Date: 2/16/16
Length:

Misty Copeland Achieves #SquadGoals In The Documentary 'A Ballerina's Tale'

Onstage, Misty Copeland's career revolves — chaînés? — around making hard work look easy. She breezes through Under Armour commercials and brisés through book signings, but she's most famous for defying gravity onstage with American Ballet Theatre.

Program: Here and Now
Air Date: 2/17/16
Length: 00:02:25

America Is Obsessed With Identity. Thanks, Obama?

When Barack Obama won the presidency in 2008, there was a lot of talk about "The Obama Effect": how the nation's first black president signaled a new era of racial harmony and understanding.

Program: All Things Considered
Air Date: 2/18/16
Length: 00:04:25

'Rent-A-Minority' Promises A Satirical Solution To Diversity Problems

The website [Rent-A-Minority](#) promises to provide a "minority for every occasion." It offers "diversity on demand" for all-white conference panels, award shows or brochures.

Program: All Things Considered
Air Date: 2/26/16
Length: 00:04:09

In Alabama's Rural Black Belt, An Uphill Climb For Bernie Sanders

The presidential contest moves South on Super Tuesday, March 1. The region is considered a firewall for Hillary Clinton because of her strong support among African-American voters, a key bloc of Southern Democrats.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 2/28/16

Length: 00:04:56

Being Black In The Tech Industry

Today, we're going to dig into the challenges people of color face when it comes to navigating the tech industry.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 2/29/16

Length: 00:01:58

NBC Parts Ways With MSNBC Anchor Melissa Harris-Perry

MSNBC anchor Melissa Harris-Perry had repeatedly questioned the network's commitment to progressive voices and people of color, NBC says. She vented her concerns in a widely circulated email.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 3/02/16

Length:

Combing Through 41 Million Tweets To Show How #BlackLivesMatter Exploded

It's been only a year and a half since the social protest movement around police violence commonly referred to as Black Lives Matter emerged as a major political force.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 3/22/16

Length:

How The Obama Presidency Has — Or Hasn't — Shaped Latino Identity: You Weighed In

With a series we're calling [The Obama Effect](#), the Code Switch team is digging into all sorts of questions about how President Obama's tenure has — or hasn't — shaped how we all perceive our own racial and ethnic identities.

Program: MPB News Segment

Air Date: 3/28/16

Length: 00:01:48

JACKSON GROUP SEEKS CHANGE IN HIGH SPEED POLICE CHASE POLICIES

A Jackson neighborhood group is seeking to stop high speed police chases across city lines that left an innocent man dead.

Program: MPB News Segment

Air Date: 3/28/16

Length: 00:01:44

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EDUCATION

Program: MPB News
Air Date: 1/14/16
Length: 00:01:37

Legislative priorities unveiled by state's superintendents association

At a press conference yesterday, MASS unveiled and broke down 24 legislative priorities into three categories --- instruction, quality leadership and facilities and technology.

Program: MPB News
Air Date: 1/20/16
Length: 00:01:59

PROPOSED MAEP CHANGES COULD MEAN LESS MONEY FOR SCHOOLS

The Mississippi Adequate Education Program is the state statute that dictates how much money the legislature should appropriate to schools on a per-pupil basis.

Program: All Things Considered
Air Date: 1/22/16
Length: 00:03:51

A History Of The SAT In 4 Questions

This weekend, college hopefuls will line up for the last time to take the SAT. That is, at least, the current version of the famous college entrance exam.

Program: All Things Considered
Air Date: 2/01/16
Length: 00:02:23

What It Means That The High School Diploma Is Now A Moving Target

About three months ago, Bill Nelson got an unusual phone call.

Program: All Things Considered
Air Date: 2/04/16
Length:

Making Science Teaching More Than 'A Backup Plan'

In the basement of the Duane Physics and Astrophysics building at the University of Colorado Boulder, a science demonstration is going on, but it looks more like a vaudeville act.

Program: All Things Considered
Air Date: 2/10/16
Length:

Video Chat Your Way Into College: How Tech Is Changing The Admissions Process

Before he arrived in Omaha as a doctoral student in computer science, Jason Jie Xiong says, "I didn't even know there was a state called Nebraska."

Program: Morning Edition
Air Date: 2/09/16
Length:

What Kids Need From Grown-Ups (But Aren't Getting)

Erika Christakis' new book, *The Importance of Being Little*, is an impassioned plea for educators and parents to put down the worksheets and flash cards, ditch the tired craft projects

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 2/12/16

Length:

Study In Your PJs? What A High School 'Work From Home Day' Looks Like

One cold Monday this month, all the students of Park Ridge High School stayed home: wearing their PJs, munching on pretzels and Oreos, hanging out on the couch.

Program: MPB News Segment

Air Date: 2/18/16

Length: 00:01:31

LAWMAKERS LOOK TO EXPAND CHARTER SCHOOLS ACROSS STATE

A set of bills that could expand the reach of charter schools throughout the state is making its way through the legislature.

Program: MPB News

Air Date: 3/02/16

Length: 00:01:32

HOUSE, SENATE PASS CHARTER SCHOOL EXPANSION BILLS

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Program: MPB News Segment

Air Date: 3/21/16

Length: 00:01:36

DEPT. OF EDUCATION PROMISES NEW PRACTICE TEST WEDNESDAY

By Wednesday, Mississippi Teachers will have access to a math practice assessment test, after the initial one was pulled because of errors.

Program: MS Edition

Air Date: 3/22/16

Length: 00:06:48

RESTRAINT AND SECLUSION IN MISSISSIPPI

The clock is ticking for Mississippians to make their feelings known about the first statewide school policy for students who are a danger to themselves or others.

ECONOMY

Program: Morning Edition
Air Date: 1/01/16
Length: 00:02:40

Calif. Employers Must Comply With New Fair Pay Law

The new law, which goes into effect Jan. 1, aims to close the wage gap between men and women by requiring employers to pay both genders the same when they do "substantially similar" work.

Program: Morning Edition
Air Date: 1/05/16
Length: 00:01:44

Economists Critical Of Less Being Spent On Economic Data Gathering

The Commerce Department has revised a decade's worth of data on construction spending. Some economists say a much bigger mistake is the government's decision to spend less on gathering economic data.

Program: Morning Edition
Air Date: 1/22/16
Length: 00:03:15

China Captures The Attention Of Davos Economic Forum Participants

China concerns are part of the reason global stock markets have been so troubled.

Program: All Things Considered
Air Date: 1/28/16
Length: 00:03:49

Why Cheap Gas Might Not Be Good For The U.S. Economy

Happy times are here again at the gas pump. The price of oil keeps falling, and Americans are filling their tanks for less than \$2 a gallon.

Program: MPB News Segment
Air Date: 2/01/16
Length: 00:01:35

A NEW COLLEGE BOARD INITIATIVE TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC GROWTH IS UNDERWAY

Businesses large and small have a new tool at their disposal, the Mississippi College Board hopes will generate jobs and help companies remain competitive.

Program: All Things Considered
Air Date: 2/27/16
Length: 00:04:28

Do Big Cash Denominations Help Organized Crime?

The European Central Bank is considering abandoning the 500 euro note. Harvard University's Peter Sands explains why the 500 euro note is the currency of choice for organized crime and terrorists.

Program: NPR News Segment

Air Date: 2/29/16

Length:

Starbucks Plans First Store In Italy, 'With Humility And Respect'

Saying that it will finally do business in the country that helped inspire its approach to coffee, Starbucks has announced plans to open its first store in Italy early next year, venturing into the cradle of espresso.

Program: MPB News Segment

Air Date: 3/07/16

Length: 00:03:48

THE FIRST GRAMMY MUSEUM OUTSIDE OF LA OPENS IN THE DELTA

A decade of planning coupled with four years of construction and the new state-of-the-art Grammy Museum is beaconing visitors to the Delta.

Program: MPB News Segment

Air Date: 3/22/16

Length: 00:01:15

STATE LEADERS HOPE WORKFORCE TRAINING BILL WILL CREATE MORE JOBS

"Alright it is law," said Governor Phil Bryant as he signed Senate Bill 2808, otherwise known as the Mississippi Works Fund, into law at a ceremony at the Capitol yesterday.

Program: MPB News Segment

Air Date: 3/28/16

Length: 00:01:22

GULFPORT UNVEILS DESIGN OF NEW AQUARIUM

Gulfport city leaders say a new aquarium could bring half a million visitors to the Gulf Coast every year.

Program: MS Edition

Air Date: 3/30/16

Length: 00:04:40

POSSIBLE STATE LOTTERY ALIVE

The state Legislature is testing the lottery waters this session. Lawmakers moved closer to establishing a state lottery by voting twice yesterday in the House to do just that.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 3/29/16

Length: 00:03:49

IRS Commissioner Details Growing Problem Of Taxpayer Identity Theft

It's the time of year that nobody likes to think about - tax season. And if you haven't already filed, you've got until April 18.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS AND POLITICS

Program: All Things Considered
Air Date: 1/05/16
Length: 00:03:58

Bill Clinton Hits The Campaign Trail For His Wife In New Hampshire

With just weeks before the first votes are cast, Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton unleashes her husband on the campaign trail in New Hampshire.

Program: All Things Considered
Air Date: 1/09/15
Length: 00:05:22

Republicans Want To Change The Conversation About Poverty

Sen. Tim Scott hosted a forum on poverty for presidential candidates on Saturday. He talks about why he wants to change the way the Republican Party talks about the issue.

Program: MPB News Segment
Air Date: 2/08/16
Length: 00:01:45

U.S. SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS ANNOUNCES PILOT PROJECT, DEFENDS REGIONAL APPOINTEE

The U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs visits Jackson to talk about a new pilot program and maintain his support for a regional official under fire for allegedly lying to Congress

Program: MS Edition
Air Date: 2/23/16
Length: 00:01:38

LAWMAKERS CONTEMPLATE NEW STATEWIDE DISTRICT FOR FAILING SCHOOLS

Lawmakers in the Mississippi House of Representatives are considering a bill that would place chronically failing school districts into a new statewide district in hopes of improving academic performance.

Program: All Things Considered
Air Date: 2/26/16
Length: 00:03:30

Apple's First Amendment Argument

Is software code speech? Apple says that it is, in its motion to vacate a federal judge's order requiring the company to help the FBI break into the iPhone of one of the San Bernardino terrorists.

Program: MPB News Segment (Morning Edition)
Air Date: 2/24/16
Length: 00:01:33

THOUSANDS OF BILLS DEAD AFTER LEGISLATIVE DEADLINE

Thousands of pieces of legislation that were introduced at the beginning of the 2016 legislative session are now dead.

Program: All Things Considered
Air Date: 2/26/16
Length: 00:04:38

Crime Bill Politics: A Flash Point In Democratic Race

Bernie Sanders and Hillary Clinton are both trying to explain their positions on the 1994 crime bill, a touchstone of the tough-on-crime attitudes that are blamed for the mass incarceration of people of color now.

Program: NPR News Segment
Air Date: 2/27/16
Length:

Rubio And Cruz Release Tax Returns, Piling Pressure On Donald Trump

Marco Rubio made 14 years of his tax returns and Ted Cruz released four more years of his Saturday, increasing pressure on rival Donald Trump to release his.

Program: Morning Edition
Air Date: 2/26/16
Length: 00:07:17

Conservative SuperPAC's Ads Take Aim At Hillary Clinton

CEO Steven Law tells David Greene American Crossroads has hit states hard with ads targeting Clinton's policies in ways that almost look pro-Bernie Sanders in an effort to render her unelectable.

Program: NPR News Segment
Air Date: 2/28/16
Length:

Trump Fails To Condemn KKK On Television, Turns To Twitter To Clarify

On the Sunday morning talk shows, Republican presidential front-runner Donald Trump refused to condemn endorsements from a prominent white supremacist and former KKK leader, and said he retweeted a Mussolini quote because "it's a very good quote."

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Air Date: 2/29/16
Length: 00:01:30

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ADDS ONE MORE TO BALLOT

The Mississippi Supreme Court is ordering the Secretary of State's Office to add a Democratic presidential candidate's name to the March 8th ballot.

Program: MPB News Segment
Air Date: 3/31/16
Length: 00:01:25

JACKSON AIRPORT: HOSTILE TAKEOVER?

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority, citizens, and Democrat elected officials are speaking out against what they call a takeover of the capitol city airport governing body.

HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE

Program: Morning Edition
Air Date: 1/04/16
Length: 00:04:14

Lack Of Deep Sleep May Set The Stage For Alzheimer's Length ;

There's growing evidence that a lack of sleep can leave the brain vulnerable to Alzheimer's disease.

Program: All Things Considered
Air Date: 1/10/16
Length: 00:03:16

New Dietary Guidelines Call For Limits On Sugar, Red Meat

There's new diet advice out Thursday from the federal government. The U.S. Dietary Guidelines, which are updated every five years, serve as the government's official advice on what we should be eating

Program: All Things Considered
Air Date: 1/22/16
Length: 00:03:19

The Zika Virus Takes A Frightening Turn — And Raises Many Questions

For decades Zika was a virus that turned up in monkeys and occasionally in humans in Africa and Southeast Asia. Its symptoms were mild and the number of confirmed human cases was low.

Program: MPB News Segment
Air Date: 2/02/16
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HEALTH OFFICIALS RAISE AWARENESS OF WOMEN'S HEART HEALTH

While many believe heart disease is mainly a concern for men, it is the number one killer of women in the United States. For women, it's especially important to know the signs of heart trouble, as they can be different from men's.

Program: MPB News Segment
Air Date: 2/03/16
Length: 00:01:46

STATE DEPT. OF HEALTH OFFERS PRECAUTIONS, NOT YET COMMENTING ON FIRST ZIKA CASE REPORTEDLY TRANSMITTED WITHIN U.S.

Jerome Goddard, an entomologist at Mississippi State University, says the Zika virus is commonly transmitted by mosquitoes.

Program: All Things Considered
Air Date: 2/08/16
Length: 00:03:37

UNICEF Estimate Of Female Genital Mutilation Up By 70 Million

Forget about the conventional wisdom that female genital mutilation, or FGM, rarely takes place outside of Africa and the Middle East.

Program: MPB News Segment

Air Date: 2/10/16

Length: 00:01:30

PROPOSED ORDINANCE WANTS TOBACCO SALES UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE IN ADAMS COUNTY

Currently all Mississippi counties allow the sale of tobacco to 18-year-olds.

That could change according to Adams County Supervisor and board president Mike Lazarus

Program: MPB News Segment

Air Date: 2/15/16

Length: 00:01:19

BAD TEETH COULD LEAD TO BAD HEALTH

According to the Mississippi Department of Health, 1 in 3 children in the state have decayed teeth, and 1 in 10 have an urgent need for dental care from pain and infection.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 2/24/16

Length: 00:05:12

Colorado Pot Tourists Are More Apt To Land In The ER Than Locals

A lot of visitors to Colorado figure they might give the state's good ganja a try, but they might not be prepared for the effects.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 2/25/16

Length: 00:05:17

Disease Detectives In Brazil Go Door-To-Door To Solve Zika Mystery

It's the first thing in the morning at a crowded public health clinic in Joao Pessoa, Brazil, when a team of disease detectives from the United States and Brazil arrive.

Program: MPB News Segment

Air Date: 2/25/16

Length: 00:05:11

A FOUNDATION NAMED AFTER FANNIE LOU HAMER IS FIGHTING CANCER DOOR-TO-DOOR

In the Mississippi Delta, 30 percent of black women who contract cancer are dying as compared with 19 percent of white woman.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 2/26/16

Length: 00:03:46

The Stethoscope: Timeless Tool Or Outdated Relic?

To hear a patient's heart, doctors used to just put an ear up to a patient's chest and listen. Then, in 1816, things changed.

CHILD AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT

Program: MPB News Segment

Air Date: 2/01/16

Length: 00:01:39

HIGH LEAD LEVELS FOUND IN THE DRINKING WATER OF SOME JACKSON HOMES

13 of 58 homes tested in Jackson have higher than actionable levels of lead in their water. Officials say the homes are in Southwest Jackson and North Jackson.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 2/02/16

Length: 00:02:47

American Muslim Women Explain Why They Do — Or Don't — Cover

For Muslim women, a headscarf — or hijab — is a visible sign of their faith and identity, and whether to wear one is a big decision.

Program: Here and Now

Air Date: 2/02/16

Length: 00:02:25

Roundup: Here's What People Are Saying About Barbie's Diversity Makeover

Last week, Mattel announced that Barbie is getting a makeover. A whole bunch of them, in fact. Now, 33 new Barbie dolls are available for purchase through the website, in three new body types — petite, tall and curvy — and seven skin tones, 22 eye colors and 14 "face sculpts."

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 2/18/16

Length: 00:06:40

How Parents And Teachers Can Nurture The 'Quiet Power' Of Introverts

When Susan Cain wrote *Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking* in 2012, it was a big success.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 2/20/16

Length: 00:03:56

Financial Aid 101: Earlier FAFSA Provides More Time To Line Up Tuition

High school students nationwide are filling out college financial aid forms — and it's not just seniors this year.

Program: MPB News Segment

Air Date: 2/23/16

Length: 00:01:32

LGBT SUPPORTERS SPEAK OUT AGAINST RELIGIOUS LIBERTY ACCOMMODATIONS ACT

Supporters of the LGBT community are speaking out against House Bill 1523, which claims to protect individuals from discrimination, who act on religious beliefs that marriage is between one man and one woman.

Program: Weekend Edition
Air Date: 2/23/16
Length: 00:03:38

Flint Families Make Tough Sacrifices Amid Contaminated Water

Like many residents of Flint, Mich., She'a Cobb doesn't trust the water that comes out of her faucets. So now, everyday is a carefully orchestrated one — from brushing her teeth to taking a shower.

Program: Weekend Edition
Air Date: 2/28/16
Length: 00:01:58

Despite Syrian Cease Fire, Conditions Still Not Safe To Deliver Aid

Rachel Martin speaks with Christy Delafield of Mercy Corps about the struggle to get humanitarian aid into Syria, even during the current pause in fighting.

Program: Fresh Air
Air Date: 2/29/16
Length: 00:20:34

Teen Girls And Social Media: A Story Of 'Secret Lives' And Misogyny

Social media and dating apps are putting unprecedented pressures on America's teen girls, author Nancy Jo Sales says.

Program: NPR News Segment
Air Date: 2/29/16
Length:

Denmark's New Grocer Is Selling Expired Food, And It's A Hit

Denmark is once again distinguishing itself in the race against food waste — this time, with a supermarket hawking items once destined for the trash bin.

Program: Morning Edition
Air Date: 3/30/16
Length: 00:02:43

Pregnant Women May Be Able To Get Answers About Zika Earlier

Last November, a couple from Washington, D.C., took a weeklong vacation. They visited Mexico, Guatemala and Belize. And got bitten by plenty of mosquitoes.

Program: MPB News Segment
Air Date: 3/31/16
Length: 00:01:28

PROPOSED BILL WOULD PROVIDE LAWYERS TO LOW-INCOME PARENTS

A bill that would allow youth court judges to appoint counsel to low-income parents in cases of abuse, neglect or termination of parental rights is moving forward.

ENVIRONMENT, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 1/01/16

Length: 00:04:49

Ski Resorts See Slight Thaw After Chilling Effect Of Climate Change

Last year, snowpack across the Sierra Nevada was just 5 percent of average. Up and down the West Coast in fact, the 2014-2015 season was marked by late openings, early closings and some resorts not opening at all.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 1/20/16

Length: 00:03:38

2015 Becomes Warmest Year On Record, NASA And NOAA Say

Today, NASA and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, NOAA, confirmed that 2015 was the warmest year since record-keeping began in 1880.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 1/08/16

Length: 00:01:42

NEW ONLINE TOOL TO HELP SMALL BUSINESS IN MISSISSIPPI

Secretary of State Delbert Hosemann has launched a new website called Mississippi BOSS. He says BOSS - or Business One Stop Shop - will allow users to take the first step to running a business in the state.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 2/19/16

Length: 00:03:33

Why Science Teachers Are Struggling With Climate Change

Many middle and high school science teachers are getting climate change wrong.

That's according to the results of a new, national teacher survey backed by the [National Center for Science Education](#) and published in the journal [Science](#).

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 2/25/16

Length: 00:02:08

Why Your Hamburger Might Be Leading To Nitrogen Pollution

Meat has a greater impact on the environment than pretty much any other food we eat.

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Report: More Pollinator Species In Jeopardy, Threatening World Food Supply

A major global assessment of pollinators is raising concerns about the future of the planet's food supply.

Program: MPB News Segment
Air Date: 3/01/16
Length: 00:03:53

PRIMING THE PIPELINE FOR STEM IN THE SOUTH: A LOOK ACROSS THE REGION

Over the next ten years, the number of jobs in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math fields are expected to outpace other industries by about five to ten percent.

Program: MPB News Segment
Air Date: 3/22/16
Length: 00:01:35

NASA MOVES AHEAD ON SPACE LAUNCH SYSTEM TESTS

NASA engineers at Stennis Space Center are moving forward in the process of testing a rocket engine that is designed to one day take humans to Mars.

Program: All Things Considered
Air Date: 3/24/16
Length: 00:03:23

Justice Department Charges 7 Iranians For Hacking U.S. Banks

The Justice Department is charging seven Iranians with alleged cyber attacks against American banks and an attempt to take over control of a dam in New York

Program: Fresh Air
Air Date: 3/29/16
Length: 00:06:27

When You Become The Person You Hate On The Internet

I was feeling cheeky one afternoon when I posted to Facebook that the '90s hit "Breakfast at Tiffany's" was the worst song of all time.

Program: NPR News Segment
Air Date: 3/31/16
Length:

FBI To Help Arkansas Prosecutor Unlock iPhone Linked To Murder Case

Once the FBI announced that it had unlocked the iPhone of one of the shooters involved in the terrorist attack in San Bernardino, Calif., the bureau received other requests for assistance.