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Quarterly Issues and Programs Report

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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 2024.*

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

MINORITY CONCERNS

Program: Gulf States Newsroom

Air Date: 1/12/24

Length: 0:45

Deadline approaches for USDA loan discrimination funds for underserved farmers

Gulf South farmers are racing to meet the deadline for DFAP. Some say the aid is a step in the right direction, but more needs to be done.

Program: Here & Now

Air Date: 1/30/24

Length: 9:41

Gender pay gap persists: How to close it, 15 years after Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act

Today, the gender pay gap remains, with women earning about 84 cents for every dollar a man earns. Some states have enacted salary transparency laws to help close this gap.

Program: Local Coverage

Air Date: 2/12/24

Length: 1:39

Flagship program seeks to improve health outcomes, empowerment in Mississippi's Latino communities

A cohort of immigrant community health graduates are working to fill critical gaps created by healthcare disparities across Mississippi. It's the first program of its kind in the state, and hopes to grow to become an established resource in some of the state's least considered communities.

Program: Gulf States News Room

Air Date: 2/7/24

Length: 5:00

A South Asian krewe in New Orleans wants to 'put the masala in Mardi Gras'

Krewe da Bhan Gras has been a hit on the parade route this Carnival season as the latest example of Mardi Gras' diverse, inclusive nature and its evolution.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 2/9/24

Length: 3:00

Republicans court Latino voters in Nevada

In Nevada, Latinos make up 20% of the electorate. Democrats have long relied on those votes. But, Republicans sense an opportunity, too.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 2/3/24

Length: 8:00

Author discusses the 'toxic' coverage of female celebrities in the 2000s

Host Scott Detrow speaks with Sarah Ditum about her new book, Toxic: Women, Fame and the Tabloid 2000s.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 1/31/24

Length: 3:00

Seattle's queer community is furious after gay bars were raided over the weekend

NPR's Ari Shapiro talks to Vivian McCall, reporter for The Stranger, about recent raids in Seattle's gay bars. Members of the city's LGBTQ-plus community are looking for answers.

Program: Here & Now

Air Date: 3/08/24

Length: 5:45

Indigenous actors are having a moment in TV and film

Are they creating new tropes while breaking new ground? And how committed is Hollywood to telling these stories?

EDUCATION

Program: Here & Now

Air Date: 1/31/24

Length: 9:33

How schools are using AI technology

The use of artificial intelligence technology in schools is on the rise.

Program: Here & Now

Air Date: 1/30/24

Length: 6:55

Many schools don't require SAT scores to apply. How does that impact already disadvantaged students?

During the COVID-19 pandemic, many colleges dropped their SAT requirements as many kids could not attend the exams. Now, four years after the start of the pandemic, many colleges have decided to not reintroduce standardized tests as part of the application process.

Program: Here & Now

Air Date: 1/24/24

Length: 9:31

Are college campuses infringing on First Amendment rights? One liberal scholar says yes

Americans are debating politics, the Middle East war, diversity issues and gender issues. On college campuses, a few prominent liberal scholars are saying free speech is being narrowed — from the left.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 2/6/24

Length: 2:00

Dartmouth will again require SAT, ACT scores. Other colleges won't necessarily follow

Dartmouth College has announced it will once again require applicants to submit standardized test scores, beginning with the next application cycle, for the class of 2029.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 2/1/24

Length: 2:00

'The Teachers' Lounge' is a surprising look at a set of troubled faculty and students

"The Teachers' Lounge", Germany's Oscar nominee for Best International Feature, looks at tensions in a middle school while implicating wider social forces.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 1/31/24

Length: 4:00

U.S. students are starting to catch up in school — unless they're from a poor area

New reports show a big academic recovery after schools reopened. But not for all students. Stanford professor Sean Reardon tells NPR's Mary Louise Kelly how the pandemic worsened education inequality.

Program: Local Coverage

Air Date: 2/23/24

Length: 1:41

House and Senate offer competing plans for funding education

Lawmakers in the Mississippi House and Senate have competing visions for changing how the state's K-12 schools are funded.

Program: Local Coverage

Air Date: 3/07/24

Length: 1:30

Senate passes education plan, setting up debate with House

The Mississippi Senate passed its plan for funding public education on Thursday, setting the stage for intense debate as the Senate and House work to bridge the gap between diametrically opposed bills.

ECONOMY

Program: Local Coverage

Air Date: 1/10/2024

Length: 1:00

Lawmakers share top priorities for 2024 session

Legislative pillars like health care, taxation and workforce development will be the main focus of many lawmakers during the 2024 session.

Program: Here & Now

Air Date: 1/29/24

Length: 3:37

Tax season begins: What to know for filing this year

Tax season is officially here. What can consumers expect when they submit their filings to the IRS?

Program: Here & Now

Air Date: 1/24/24

Length: 3:41

How job growth and union membership fared in 2023

2023 saw significant job growth for union and non-union jobs. Unions added a combined 139,000 members last year amid several high-profile strikes. However, the overall share of the workforce that belongs to unions actually fell because of the overall strength of the labor market last year.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 1/28/24

Length: 11:00

What a Trump's economic agenda could look like if he's re-elected

What could Donald Trump's economic agenda could look like if he gets back into the White House?

Program: Here & Now

Air Date: 3/08/24

Length: 3:42

U.S. economy adds 275,000 jobs in February

President Biden spoke about the economy in his State of the Union Address.

Program: Here & Now

Air Date: 3/4/24

Length: 03:46

New research shows how much families rely on each other financially

A new study from Pew Research finds that 44% of young adults have received some form of financial assistance from their parents in the past year.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 3/07/24

Length: 3:00

The population problem in Singapore is also an economic problem

Singapore's government said that its fertility rate has fallen to a record low. It's one of many industrialized countries trying to encourage its people to have more babies.

Program: Here & Now

Air Date: 3/26/24

Length: 3:44

Retirement crisis is growing says BlackRock CEO

Larry Fink, CEO of the influential investment firm BlackRock, has warned global leaders of a growing retirement crisis in his annual letter to shareholders. Fink says a rapidly aging population is putting serious pressure on social systems meant to support retirees and, in turn, putting more pressure on the working-age population.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS AND POLITICS

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Length: 1:27

Tate Reeves says he wants to address state's long-running 'Brain drain' struggles

Republican Governor Tate Reeves was sworn into his second term in office yesterday, marking the third consecutive Republican governor to serve two terms. Reeves used his speech to highlight a number of achievements made during his first term, and what he hopes to accomplish during his second.

Program: Local News Coverage

Air Date: 1/16/24

Length: 1:40

Gov. Reeves calls special session to offer \$350 million in state incentives for EV battery factory

Reeves is asking lawmakers to appropriate \$350 million in state funds for the development of an electric vehicle battery factory in Marshall County.

Program: Local News Coverage

Air Date: 1/23/24

Length: 1:00

Can Mississippi permanently strip felons of voting rights? 19 federal judges will hear the case

The outcome of the case will likely determine whether tens of thousands of people win back the right to vote.

Program: Local Coverage

Air Date: 2/7/24

Length: 1:47

State Medicaid director warns lawmakers program's cost will skyrocket

The head of the Mississippi Division of Medicaid says that the state share of the cost to run the safety net program could increase exponentially over the next few years.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 2/10/24

Length: 4:00

Biden plays offense on border politics

President Biden is trying to flip the script to blame Republicans for border issues. Will voters buy it?

Program: Local News Coverage

Air Date: 2/21/24

Length: 1:55

Voting advocates want improved transparency, access to Mississippi elections

Months after a frustrating statewide general election in which multiple counties experienced ballot shortages on election day, among other issues, a coalition of voting and civil rights groups is kickstarting a campaign to improve transparency and participation in statewide elections.

Program: Here & Now

Air Date: 3/6/24

Length: 4:17

Nikki Haley officially suspends presidential campaign

Haley didn't endorse the presumptive nominee, former President Donald Trump.

HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE

Program: Local Coverage

Air Date: 1/12/24

Length: 1:00

Mississippi's capital is under a boil water order after E. coli bacteria is found in city's supply

Residents of the two Mississippi cities were advised to boil their water for one minute before using it. The precaution will last at least two full days as officials collect new samples for testing.

Program: Gulf States Newsroom

Air Date: 1/26/24

Length: 4:15

Opioid overdoses are on the rise. A Louisiana medical student believes Narcan training can help

Losing his brother to an overdose inspired Jacob Bassin to arm his fellow medical students with free doses of Narcan and train them on how to use it.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 2/9/24

Length: 4:00

Gen Z and millennials want to have a chat about mental health. With politicians

Many young Americans are vocal about their struggles with mental health compared to older age groups. It comes at the same time as both Democratic and Republican leaders work to address the issue.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 2/7/24

Length: 3:00

Virginia considers allowing doctors to help people with terminal illnesses to die

Virginia lawmakers are considering bills that would allow doctors to prescribe lethal doses of drugs to patients with terminal illnesses who've been given a prognosis of six months or less to live.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 1/27/24

Length: 6:00

Patients say keto helps with their mental illness. Science is racing to understand why

Campbell had lived with bipolar disorder for much of his life. Mental illness runs in his family, and he'd lost loved ones to suicide. Over the years, he tried different treatments, but it had become "increasingly difficult to live with." What had changed? A few weeks earlier, he'd started a new diet.

Program: Local Coverage

Air Date: 3/07/24

Length: 1:30

Advocates eagerly awaiting arrival of over-the-counter birth control in Mississippi

Mississippi-based reproductive rights advocate Michelle Colon says over-the-counter birth control marks a major win in the post-Dobbs landscape.

Program: Here & Now

Air Date: 3/6/24

Length: 5:36

New study estimates how many people are underweight, have obesity

A new estimate says that more than a billion people have obesity worldwide.

Program: Here & Now

Air Date: 3/4/24

Length: 07:42

More than half of rural hospitals no longer deliver babies

Financial challenges are leading many rural hospitals to end their maternity units.

CHILD AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT

Program: Here & Now

Air Date: 1/29/24

Length: 6:45

In a rush to help your baby meet milestones? Why it might be better to let them take the lead

Parents are under a lot of pressure to make sure their young children meet developmental milestones. But according to a new study published by the American Psychological Association, when families rush to control their babies to learn something new, those efforts can backfire.

Program: Here & Now

Air Date: 1/25/24

Length: 10:54

When parents are punished for children's school absences, who suffers?

It's widely known that absenteeism from school has been on the rise since the pandemic. According to some studies, it's nearly doubled. And while the absences are caused by a wide range of reasons, some of them are beyond the child's or parents' control according to people who study the issue.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 2/5/24

Length: 3:00

Florida lawmakers consider bill to ban kids under age 16 from apps like TikTok

A bill that would ban kids younger than age 16 from social media platforms is making its way through the Florida legislature. Advocates say the ban goes too far and would be impossible to implement.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 2/1/24

Length: 3:00

A new expanded child tax credit would include families who need it most

The new tax bill passed expands the Child Tax Credit but doesn't include monthly payments. NPR's Mary Louise Kelly talks about the changes with Kris Cox of the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

Program: Here & Now

Air Date: 3/1/24

Length: 03:00

Social media bans for kids would violate their constitutional rights, some argue

Efforts to curb social media for minors are popping up in state legislatures. Advocates say it'd help temper harmful mental health effects. But the constitutionality of all out bans is up for debate.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 2/22/24

Length: 4:00

This court program helps at-risk youth with autism avoid juvenile detention

Research has found that young people with autism are more likely to be arrested and come into contact with the juvenile justice system. That's why a judge in Las Vegas started a program to help the at-risk youth who come into her courtroom.

Program: Here & Now

Air Date: 3/21/24

Length: 5:25

'The Happiest Preschool' teaches toddlers it's OK to be sad or anxious

A psychotherapist is advocating for preschools to take a different approach to supporting young children to benefit their emotional well-being. Martha Heineman Pieper suggests some of the traditional ways toddlers are being taught to cope in classrooms is not age-appropriate.

Program: Here & Now

Air Date: 3/27/24

Length: 5:12

Are schools prepared to respond to students with cardiac arrest?

When a person suffers sudden cardiac arrest, an AED automated external defibrillator, can save their life. More than 7,000 people under the age of 18 experience out-of-hospital cardiac arrest each year but many states don't require AEDs in schools.

ENVIRONMENT, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Program: Local News Coverage

Air Date: 1/14/24

Length: 1:00

Governor Tate Reeves declares State of Emergency ahead of winter weather

Mississippi is under a state of emergency as officials prepare for severe winter weather.

Program: Local News Coverage

Air Date: 1/16/24

Length: 1:00

Response continues amid snow, dangerously low temperatures across Mississippi

A blast of Arctic air is bringing freezing rain, sleet and snow as well as dangerously cold temperatures for much of Mississippi through the end of the week. It's part of a larger winter storm composed primarily of Arctic air impacting a majority of the United States. Most of the impact has been felt in northern Mississippi, where emergency managers are responding to increasingly difficult conditions.

Program: Here & Now

Air Date: 1/31/24

Length: 3:42

Why moths are drawn to lights

The artificial light appears to mess with many insects' orientation to the horizon, throwing them off course.

Program: Here & Now

Air Date: 1/26/24

Length: 5:05

Emotional support care farms help people with anxiety, depression. A new network is creating more

Care farms are agricultural farms that help people address mental health issues such as anxiety, depression and grief. They're popular in the Netherlands and around Europe. A new national care farming network hopes to provide mentorship and expand the number of care farms in the U.S.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 2/5/24

Length: 3:00

How climate change impacts atmospheric rivers

California is in the grips of an atmospheric river that's causing flooding all over the state.

Climate change might be intensifying storms like it—but scientists are still working out the details.

Program: Gulf States News Room

Air Date: 2/28/24

Length: 3:17

From sea to table to sea: How recycled oyster shells are restoring the Alabama coast

Gulf South oyster reefs are fading because of the changing climate. Alabama hopes to reverse this by using recycled shells to grow oyster gardens.

Program: Here & Now

Air Date: 3/8/24

Length: 3:35

Where to experience a total solar eclipse in April

On April 8, 13 states from Texas to Maine will be in the path of totality.

Program: Here & Now

Air Date: 3/5/24

Length: 9:25

Abandoned oil wells are leaking greenhouse gases. Taxpayers are on the hook to clean them up

State and federal authorities have set aside billions of dollars to plug those leaks, but that money will cover just 2% of the total cost.