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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 2023.*

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

MINORITY CONCERNS

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 01/18/23

Length: 00:01:36

College Students Join the Conversation on National Day of Racial Healing

Students and faculty sat in the common area of the student center at Millsaps College on Tuesday as student activist Maise Brown spoke on her work.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 02/10/23

Length: 00:03:43

3 Anti-LGBTQ remarks from top aide in Japan sparks outrage and hope for change

top aide to Japan's prime minister made discriminatory remarks about sexual minorities, leading to a wave of public outrage, but also to some hopes for reform.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 02/20/23

Length: 00:01:34

Crown Act Expo shines light on hair discrimination in Mississippi

Advocates for natural hair are holding a forum in Jackson to discuss what a Crown Act could mean for Mississippi. The policy protects against hairstyle discrimination in workplaces and schools.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 03/15/23

Length: 00:01:32

Jackson advocacy groups continue to speak out against HB 1020

Mississippi lawmakers are beginning to finalize bills for the 2023 legislative session, though opposition to legislation targeting Jackson continues. Activists say these bills take voting rights away from the capital city's residents.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 03/14/23

Length: 00:01:33

Women's rights activists claim Mississippi's equal pay bill furthers the gender pay gap

Today is National Equal Pay Day, and activists in Mississippi are reminding lawmakers about the need for equal pay protections. Experts say there remains a large pay gap between black women and white men in the state.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 03/06/23

Length: 00:01:27

NAACP of Mississippi announces plans to challenge legislation targeting Jackson

The NAACP is prepared to challenge several bills in the Mississippi legislature should they become law. Civil rights leaders say these measures would take away the rights of Jacksonians.

EDUCATION

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 01/06/23

Length: 00:03:16

Fisk University is the first HBCU to have an intercollegiate women's gymnastics team

Fisk University in Nashville, Tenn., is the first historically Black university to have a women's intercollegiate gymnastics team. The 16-member team is in its first season.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 02/20/23

Length: 00:03:27

How the U.S. may have popped the balloon on scientific education and research

President Biden says the aerial objects shot down over the U.S. may have been scientific balloons. Some researchers are concerned that the diplomatic fight over balloons could disrupt their work.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 03/09/23

Length: 00:01:39

Lawmakers and education professionals react to potential MAEP formula changes

Lawmakers and activists are reacting to a bill that would change the formula for how the state funds public schools.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 03/15/23

Length: 00:01:28

Education department announces three new school systems added to early learning program

A state-funded education program for Pre-K students is adding three new school districts to its list of beneficiaries.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 03/16/23

Length: 00:01:40

Community colleges hoping to rebound from a sharp decline in enrollment since 2019

While all college enrollment in Mississippi saw a dramatic drop because of the pandemic, some institutions have yet to bounce back.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 03/30/23

Length: 00:05:30

An inside look at an AP African American Studies class in Louisiana

Today's Advanced Placement (AP) African American Studies lesson is on the evolution of African American music, so Glynn has brought in a group of music students to demonstrate how beats from the African continent made their way into African American music genres like blues, jazz and hip-hop.

ECONOMY

Program: All Things Considered
Air Date: 01/03/23
Length: 00:04:31

The impact that new salary transparency laws could have

New laws are going into effect in several states that require employers to publish salary ranges for job openings.

Program: Local News Segment
Air Date: 01/10/23
Length: 00:01:36

Mississippi Teachers Will Use Some of Their Recent Pay Raise on Increased Insurance Premiums

This year, teachers in the state will see some of their recently approved pay raise offset by increasing insurance rates.

Program: Local News Segment
Air Date: 01/11/23
Length: 00:01:43

Mississippi State Agencies Have Hundreds of Vacant Jobs

Salaries for state employees were recently adjusted under new guidelines, but many agencies continue to face hurdles when hiring staff.

Program: All Things Considered
Air Date: 02/17/23
Length: 00:03:46

Mardi Gras is back, but New Orleans businesses are dealing with a volatile economy

Mardi Gras is back. Parades in New Orleans were called off in 2021 because of COVID, and they were shortened in 2022, so this year is the first full-blown Mardi Gras since before the pandemic.

Program: Local News Segment
Air Date: 02/27/23
Length: 00:01:11

Mississippi manufacturing workers report low job quality

Manufacturing jobs are growing across the south with promises of better work. But a recent study finds many in this workforce are reporting low job quality.

Program: Local News Segment
Air Date: 03/21/23
Length: 00:01:36

More medical marijuana dispensaries are officially opening in the state

More than a month after the state's first medical marijuana sale, more dispensaries are officially opening.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS AND POLITICS

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 01/13/23

Length: 00:03:23

The GOP-controlled House will first take up legislation indicating its priorities

With the House finally seated after a week of drama, the legislative agenda is set to fulfill several GOP campaign promises to oppose abortion, investigate Democrats and target IRS funding.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 01/18/23

Length: 00:01:34

New Voting Machines in Mississippi Can Help Keep Elections Secure but Will Require Funding

Mississippi's Secretary of State is asking lawmakers to invest in new voting machines that can help keep elections secure in the state.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 01/26/23

Length: 00:03:55

Trump's expected GOP presidential challengers have yet to announce their bids

Not only is former President Trump returning to Facebook and Instagram, he's also returning to the campaign trail for the first time since announcing his reelection bid in November.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 03/01/23

Length: 00:01:26

Mississippi bans gender-affirming healthcare for trans youth

Mississippi has now banned the use of gender-affirming healthcare for transgender youth in the state. Experts say this will be dangerous for the state's trans community.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 03/16/23

Length: 00:01:37

Election fraud bills clear Mississippi legislature

Mississippi lawmakers have voted to send two major elections bills to the governor's desk. The bills are intended to reduce fraud, though skeptics say it could deter voter participation.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 03/30/23

Length: 00:01:28

Mississippi Senate denies Board of Education's pick for State Superintendent

Mississippi's Senate has struck down a nomination that would have filled the role of State Superintendent.

HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 01/03/23

Length: 00:01:17

Mississippi is in The Middle of a Severe Flu Season

The Flu is spreading across Mississippi, and doctors are urging everyone to get vaccinated. They say this year's flu transmission exceeds the average rates measured before the coronavirus pandemic.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 01/18/23

Length: 00:03:35

Can you get COVID and the flu at the same time?

If you're like most Americans, someone in your family or social circle is sick right now with COVID, flu, a cold or RSV.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 01/31/23

Length: 00:06:24

Scant obesity training in medical school leaves docs ill-prepared to help patients

Tong Yan grew up in a Chinese-American enclave of Los Angeles in a family that revered food, but thought little of those who carried excess weight.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 02/28/23

Length: 00:01:26

Religious leaders call on governor to expand postpartum Medicaid coverage

One day after Governor Tate Reeves made a statement supporting the extension, representatives from Catholic, Jewish, and Protestant faiths all came together at the capitol to urge lawmakers to take action.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 03/02/23

Length: 00:01:33

Mississippi joins the rest of the nation in recognizing March as "Brain Injury Awareness Month"

Lawmakers have made a proclamation that Mississippi will observe March as "Brain Injury Awareness Month." State lawmakers joined representatives from the Brain Injury Association and the Mississippi Chapter of the United Spinal Association for the official proclamation yesterday.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 03/13/23

Length: 00:01:40

CDC now suggesting that all adults get tested for Hepatitis B at least once in their lifetime

The Centers for Disease Control has released a new report on Hepatitis B testing.

CHILD AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 01/10/23

Length: 00:01:47

New Guidelines Released for Treating Childhood Obesity

New guidance for treating childhood obesity has been released by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Doctors say early interventions are a necessity.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 01/18/23

Length: 00:04:18

China's population drop is expected to have global economic consequences

Here's one sign of how quickly China changed its approach to family planning. Less than a decade ago, China was still banning most couples from having more than one child.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 02/20/23

Length: 00:04:25

How grown-ups can help kids transition to 'post-pandemic' school life

As children continue to navigate the most "normal" school year since the pandemic, 2023's School Counselor of the Year shares some advice.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 02/24/23

Length: 00:04:43

Alabama advocates urge treatment over punishment for pregnant women jailed for substance use

Advocates and health providers believe Alabama should offer better alternatives to these strict laws on prenatal drug use.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 02/28/23

Length: 00:05:31

What happens when a director's camera is pointed at their own families?

The streaming boom has ushered in a new era for documentaries, in which films about celebrities and murders are popular.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 03/28/23

Length: 00:04:07

As midwifery evolves, this Mississippi museum is preserving the history of granny midwives

On a slow Saturday in February, Aurelia Harden, her mother, Marilyn, and her daughter, Jamaria, arrived for a visit to the Smith Robertson Museum and Cultural Center in downtown Jackson, Mississippi.

ENVIRONMENT, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 01/04/23

Length: 00:06:57

This baby could push India past China to become the world's most populous country

In a sparse, one-room apartment on the far periphery of a booming megacity, the piercing cry of a newborn baby marks a population milestone for India.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 01/13/23

Length: 00:03:46

Why 2 Seattle area school districts are suing 5 social media companies

The school districts allege that the companies' practices have led to increased anxiety, depression, eating disorders and bullying among children.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 02/09/23

Length: 00:02:59

Junk food abounds on YouTube videos for kids

Child influencers have huge followings on social media. A new study finds that their videos are frequently exposing their young viewers to junk foods like candy, salty snacks and sugary drinks.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 02/27/23

Length: 00:03:42

Losses from U.S. weather and climate disaster events are getting more costly

California isn't the only state where extreme weather events are increasingly costly.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 03/23/23

Length: 00:01:31

Jackson community activists demand transparency in water system improvements

The restoration process for Jackson's water system remains under the authority of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Justice.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 03/27/23

Length: 00:01:49

People of Rolling Fork cleaning up and searching through aftermath of their destroyed community

Days after storms devastated parts of the Delta, volunteers and residents are working together to salvage what they can.