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*Quarterly Issues and Programs Report
for the period of April 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022*

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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 second quarter of 2022.*

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

MINORITY CONCERNS

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 04/07/22

Length: 00:01:40

Legislative minority leaders reflect on 2022 Mississippi session

Lawmakers in Mississippi are returning to their home districts after a busy legislative session. Minority leaders are sharing how the bills passed could affect the state.

Program: All Things Considered (Weekend)

Air Date: 04/16/22

Length: 00:08:35

How Black American Jews incorporate their food traditions into their Passover Seders

NPR's Michel Martin speaks with chef and author Michael Twitty and Rabbi Sandra Lawson about Black American cuisine and the Seder plate.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 04/19/22

Length: 00:05:09

Social justice groups' monuments are a counternarrative to Confederate Memorials

The debate over removing Confederate memorials from the public square has been part of the national conversation for a decade or more.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 05/10/22

Length: 00:01:42

Immigrant rights advocates call for the release of a former Mississippi resident

A former resident of Mississippi is currently detained for attempting to travel back to her family after being deported during the 2019 ICE raid at a chicken plant in Morton.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 05/12/22

Length: 00:01:28

Women and Black adults experiencing chest pain wait longer in emergency rooms

Chest pain is the most common symptom of heart attack in adults of all ages. But women and Black adults presenting those symptoms experience longer waits in emergency rooms.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 05/19/22

Length: 00:03:45

Kendrick Lamar's new song 'Auntie Diaries' divides the LGBTQ+ community

"Auntie Diaries" features Lamar rapping in the first person about how he learned to embrace his family members' gender transitions.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 06/15/22

Length: 00:01:36

Mississippi advocates celebrate Pride Month as anti-LGBTQ+ movements grow across nation

June is Pride Month, and members of Mississippi's LGBTQ plus community are celebrating. gender and sexual identity rights. But advocates say new laws challenging those rights are spreading across the nation.

Program: All Things Considered (Weekend)

Air Date: 06/26/22

Length: 00:08:03

What happens when white women hypersexualize Asian women onscreen

NPR's Michel Martin speaks with Elaine Hsieh Chou about her recent essay in Vanity Fair, which addresses how Hollywood perpetuates Asian stereotypes.

EDUCATION

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 04/01/22

Length: 00:01:22

Mississippi teacher pay raise signed into law

A new law in Mississippi will soon raise teacher pay by an average of \$5,000. Educators say this money could help retain and draw in new teachers throughout the state.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 04/20/22

Length: 00:01:23

Students in Mississippi participate in financial education and competition

April is Financial Literacy month in Mississippi, and experts are working to educate students across the state about how to have a strong financial future.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 04/25/22

Length: 00:03:46

School closures in Oakland, Calif., may impact Black children with disabilities

It is the middle of June, but students in Louisiana's Red River Parish, like Jayden Young, are still waking up early every morning to catch the school bus at 7:30 a.m.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 04/27/22

Length: 00:01:31

Mississippi's State Superintendent of Education announces retirement

State Superintendent Carey Wright has announced that she will retire at the end of June. She has served in public education for 50 years and is one of the nation's longest-serving education leaders.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 05/24/22

Length: 00:04:31

How will Avis Williams lead New Orleans Public Schools? Look to her work in Selma

Avis Williams always knew she wanted to be a teacher when she grew up, but the biggest obstacle in the way of her dream was figuring out a path to reach her goal.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 05/27/22

Length: 00:04:37

Children were calling 911 from within the Uvalde classroom as police waited to enter

The director of Texas's Department of Public safety said, "It was not the right decision," after he revealed police waited more than an hour to enter the school in Uvalde during the shooting.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 06/10/22

Length: 00:03:19

A mother and son reflect on school shooter drills

A Texas mother and son discuss the active shooter drills he's lived with throughout his grade school years.

Program: Weekend Edition Sunday

Air Date: 06/26/22

Length: 00:08:21

These college students talked to NPR about applying to schools. Now they've graduated

NPR's Elissa Nadworny speaks with recent college graduates McKenna Hensley, Justice Benjamin and Johnny Dang about their hopes for the future and attending college during a pandemic.

ECONOMY

Program: Morning Edition
Air Date: 04/11/22
Length: 00:03:49

European Union leaders consider reducing their dependency on Russian energy

EU foreign ministers, who are meeting Monday, are going to discuss more steps concerning the war in Ukraine.

Program: Morning Edition
Air Date: 05/05/22
Length: 00:02:00

The Fed is rapidly unwinding its easy money policies to fight inflation

The Federal Reserve on Wednesday raised interest rates by half a percentage point, as it escalates its fight against inflation.

Program: Local News Segment
Air Date: 05/24/22
Length: 00:01:37

‘Work you for nothing’: Hattiesburg call center workers demand better pay, healthcare costs

Tishma Saucier has been working at Maximus call center in Hattiesburg for almost a year.

Program: Local News Segment
Air Date: 05/25/22
Length: 00:01:32

Business leaders investing in medical marijuana discuss licensing requirements in Mississippi

Hopeful business leaders in Mississippi are seeking licenses to join the state’s medical marijuana industry. Experts are helping these business owners prepare for compliance.

Program: Local News Segment
Air Date: 05/31/22
Length: 00:03:59

With vanpooling, workers and employers find a ‘win-win’ amid a tight labor market, high gas costs

Letting someone else take the wheel on a long commute comes with perks. Just ask the riders driving together from Mobile, Alabama to their jobs at the Biloxi VA Medical Center in Mississippi.

Program: Local News Segment
Air Date: 06/02/22
Length: 00:01:30

Heirs property prevents Mississippi farmers from leveraging their land

Mississippi has the highest prevalence of heirs property in the Southeastern United States, preventing some farmers from leveraging their property.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 06/07/22

Length: 00:01:29

Applications open for residents seeking participation in Mississippi's medicinal cannabis industry

The Mississippi Department of Health has finalized regulations for the state's developing medical marijuana industry. Experts say patients will have to wait a bit longer to begin purchasing medicinal cannabis.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS AND POLITICS

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 04/21/22

Length: 00:01:23

Rural Partnership Network aims to connect rural communities with federal dollars

Leaders with the United States Department of Agriculture are visiting rural towns in Mississippi to better understand how they can help grow infrastructure in underserved areas.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 04/26/22

Length: 00:01:28

Lawsuit challenges Mississippi's judicial district lines

Maps for Mississippi's three judicial districts are subject to a new lawsuit. Civil rights activists say the state has not updated the boundaries in nearly 40 years.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 04/29/22

Length: 00:01:38

Billions of dollars going towards infrastructure in Mississippi

Several measures that will fund dozens of improvement projects across the state have been signed by the Governor, equaling billions of dollars in spending. But some of the line items were vetoed.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 05/17/22

Length: 00:05:05

If Roe v. Wade is overturned, Michigan law would prohibit abortion for rape victims

If the Supreme Court overturns a constitutional right to abortion, decisions go back to the states, and some states have already decided.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 05/30/22

Length: 00:03:34

What this moment before midterms means for the Biden administration's climate goals

Democrats fear time is running out to pass climate legislation before the midterm elections.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 06/09/22

Length: 00:01:34

Two congressional incumbent candidates face run-off elections in Mississippi

Two of Mississippi's incumbent congressmen are facing run-offs later this month. This rare occurrence will determine the Republican nominations in the third and fourth districts.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 06/10/22

Length: 00:01:23

Mississippi leaders and law enforcement experts discuss how to curb rising crime rates

State, county, and local officials are discussing how they can cooperate in efforts to reduce crime in Jackson.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 06/30/22

Length: 00:08:00

Post-Roe, a look at how old and new protest music reflects political moments

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HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE

Program: Morning Edition
Air Date: 04/21/22
Length: 00:03:34

To wear a mask, or not, on public transportation? Which is the right move for you?

Now that the federal mask mandate on public transport has come to an end, should people continue to wear masks anyway?

Program: Local News Segment
Air Date: 04/25/22
Length: 00:01:26

Coronavirus vaccine mandates banned in Mississippi

A new law in Mississippi bans mandates for coronavirus vaccinations and vaccine passports. But health officials say the law wasn't necessary.

Program: Local News Segment
Air Date: 04/26/22
Length: 00:03:39

Paxlovid, a highly effective COVID drug, will be made available to more Pharmacies

The White House is unveiling a new push to make more people aware of COVID-19 treatments like Paxlovid — because stockpiles of the life-saving antiviral have been sitting on shelves, unused.

Program: Morning Edition
Air Date: 05/09/22
Length: 00:06:42

Examining the many birth disparities in Mississippi, health center CEO says

NPR's Leila Fadel speaks with Getty Israel, founder and CEO of Sisters in Birth, about what's driving the high rate of abortion among Black women in conservative states like Mississippi.

Program: Local News Segment
Air Date: 05/17/22
Length: 00:01:29

Hospitals seek new hires to fill vacant positions

Hospitals across Mississippi are searching for staff to fill the rising number of job vacancies in the healthcare industry. The state's largest hospital is holding walk-in job interviews to fill these gaps.

Program: Local News Segment
Air Date: 06/02/22
Length: 00:01:52

MDMH emphasizes peer support in outreach efforts

Mental health advocates are pushing the re-set button in their post-pandemic re-entrance to public life..

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 06/08/22

Length: 00:01:37

Funding secured for Mississippi's only children's hospital

A six-year campaign to raise funds for the Mississippi Children's Hospital has been completed, raising a total of \$101.5 million. Hospital officials say these donations have helped to serve countless pediatric patients across the state.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 06/14/22

Length: 00:01:36

Community medical experts discuss HIV epidemic in Mississippi

Community health leaders from across Mississippi are coordinating on how to combat the state's ongoing HIV epidemic.

CHILD AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 04/15/22

Length: 00:03:36

Screening kids for anxiety and depression early on could help stop crises, panel says

An advisory committee has issued its draft recommendations to screen kids earlier for anxiety and depression.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 04/22/22

Length: 00:01:38

Mississippi offers tax credits for donations towards crisis pregnancy centers

A new law in Mississippi allows religious-based crisis pregnancy centers to receive tax-deductible donations. But abortion-rights advocates say these centers can often confuse and be detrimental to pregnant people.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 05/06/22

Length: 00:03:45

Alabama judge considers whether to block new ban on gender-affirming care for youth

A federal judge in Alabama continues hearing arguments on the state's ban on gender affirming care for trans youth.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 05/12/22

Length: 00:01:55

The War Toys project uses photos and art therapy to help kids who lived through war

Brian McCarty uses toys as part of art therapy to help children who have been traumatized by war.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 05/20/22

Length: 00:01:34

Grant program could help childcare providers, but advocates say the program needs clarity

Mississippi is offering grants to early childhood care providers to help those businesses recover from costs associated with the pandemic. But advocates say there is insufficient training and a tight deadline.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 05/26/22

Length: 00:01:30

Kids 5 to 11 can now get coronavirus booster shot

Booster doses of the coronavirus vaccine are now available for children in Mississippi between the ages 5 and 11 years old.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 06/01/22

Length: 00:01:22

Baby formula shortages continue across Mississippi

There continues to be a national shortage of baby formula, and mothers in Mississippi are seeking alternative ways to feed their children. A non-profit aimed at feeding premature babies is helping to meet the demand for infant nutrition.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 06/01/22

Length: 00:02:29

In Uvalde, a woman in clown colors makes kids smile

Under a blue canopy to block the hot South Texas sun, a woman wearing the face paint and bright colors of a clown calls out.

ENVIRONMENT, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Program: Local News Segment
Air Date: 04/14/22
Length: 00:01:29

Mississippi to open new office of broadband expansion

Governor Tate Reeves has signed a bill that establishes the Office of Broadband Expansion and Accessibility of Mississippi, which will serve under the Department of Finance and Administration.

Program: All Things Considered
Air Date: 04/28/22
Length: 00:04:01

Video games could help treat cognitive disorders like depression and ADHD

Researchers are turning to a unexpected treatment for cognitive disorders: video games.

Program: Local News Segment
Air Date: 05/16/22
Length: 00:01:34

Mississippians now have permanent access to telehealth

Telemedicine is now a permanent fixture of healthcare in Mississippi, as Senate Bill 2738 has been signed into law.

Program: All Things Considered
Air Date: 05/20/22
Length: 00:04:40

'Evil Dead' has added a video game to the cult-classic horror franchise

Evil Dead — the horror franchise known for having lots of scares (and laughs) — has gone from cult hit to cultural phenomenon. The latest addition is a video game.

Program: Morning Edition
Air Date: 06/08/22
Length: 00:06:33

Virtual reality brings Indian and Pakistani residents back home

With virtual reality headsets, elderly survivors of the partition between India and Pakistan are getting 360-degree views of their long-lost homes – on opposite sides of the international border.

Program: Local News Segment
Air Date: 06/13/22
Length: 00:01:34

Healthcare experts work to expand telehealth in Mississippi

Healthcare in Mississippi is becoming more virtual, allowing a growing number of residents to get the medical attention they need. Medical experts are bridging the state's healthcare gap through technology.

