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*Quarterly Issues and Programs Report
for the period of April 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023*

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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 2023.*

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

MINORITY CONCERNS

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 04/27/23

Length: 00:04:36

Tribal nations were once excluded from Colorado River talks. Now they're key players

This Spring, a high-level delegation met inside the Arizona Governor's office to announce a huge water conservation deal.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 05/08/23

Length: 00:04:05

Black Americans are audited 3 to 5 times as often as other taxpayers

Research shows Black Americans are audited more often as other taxpayers.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 05/11/23

Length: 00:03:23

Egyptians and others are upset a Black actress stars in Netflix's 'Queen Cleopatra'

The new Netflix docudrama "Queen Cleopatra" is stirring debate because the series portrays the iconic monarch as Black.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 05/26/23

Length: 00:01:32

Activists say ruling against trans teen could have implications for the trans community

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Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 05/29/23

Length: 00:03:53

For Black drivers, a police officer's first 45 words are a portent of what's to come

When a police officer stops a Black driver, the first 45 words said by that officer hold important clues about how their encounter is likely to go.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 06/01/23

Length: 00:01:42

Pride Month comes with apprehensions as legislation targeting LGBTQ communities takes effect

As June begins, organizers in Mississippi are getting ready for Gay Pride events in Mississippi's larger cities like Oxford, Jackson, and Biloxi.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 06/28/23

Length: 00:08:03

Family of Damien Cameron demand transparency nearly two years after death in police custody

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: All Things Considered

Air Date: 04/10/23

Length: 00:03:39

Oklahoma Catholic Church hopes to open first publicly funded religious charter school

Oklahoma's Catholic Church wants to open the U.S.'s first religious charter school. It hopes to jump its first regulatory hurdle Tuesday.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 04/20/23

Length: 00:03:35

Virginia Board of Education to vote on disputed changes to history curriculum

Virginia's board of education is set to vote on new history standards today.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 04/21/23

Length: 00:05:59

A Philly school helps its students to process - and speak out against – gun violence

Neighborhood gun violence can cause an undue burden on nearby schools. In Philadelphia, campuses are teaching how to speak out against the violence

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 04/27/23

Length: 00:01:29

State's medical school honors those who donated their body to science

A medical center in Jackson is honoring those who chose to donate their bodies to science after passing away.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 05/09/23

Length: 00:01:39

Tuition increasing at several Mississippi universities

The Institutions of Higher Learning Board of Trustees has announced that tuition will be increasing at several Mississippi universities.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 05/12/23

Length: 00:03:37

Teachers in Arizona tap the power of plants to teach kids resilience

Kids at a Flagstaff, Arizona, elementary school have been through a lot since 2019: the pandemic, and then wildfires and a big flood. Teachers are using horticulture therapy to teach them resilience.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 05/31/23

Length: 00:03:04

Blues musician Otis Taylor graduates high school 57 years after getting expelled

In 1966, a couple months before he was set to graduate, Otis Taylor was told he needed to cut his short afro or he'd be kicked out. Now, 57 years after he left, he has received a diploma.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 06/09/23

Length: 00:01:50

Bus tour brings Gen Z students to Mississippi Delta's civil rights landmarks

Pre-law students from around the country took part in a bus tour to several civil rights sites across the Mississippi Delta this week.

ECONOMY

Program: All Things Considered
Air Date: 04/11/23
Length: 00:03:38

Bed Bath & Beyond's stock keeps dropping lower

A share of Bed Bath & Beyond now costs 31 cents, down from \$5 earlier this year and \$80 a decade ago as the company circles around bankruptcy.

Program: All Things Considered
Air Date: 04/21/23
Length: 00:03:37

Will interest rates drop? One economist radically changed his mind on the subject

Economists are divided on the question of whether we will return to an era of low interest rates and low inflation.

Program: Morning Edition
Air Date: 04/21/23
Length: 00:03:32

The Federal Reserve rolls out a plan that gives banks a new way to borrow money

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

Program: Local News Segment
Air Date: 05/12/23
Length: 00:01:31

Employees of a call center are holding a protest in Hattiesburg for Mothers Day

Workers are holding a Mother's Day Rally at the offices of a billion-dollar federal contractor this morning.

Program: Local News Segment
Air Date: 05/12/23
Length: 00:01:22

Nearly 6,000 Mississippians have been approved for the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program

The US Department of Education reports more than 488 million dollars of student loan forgiveness has been granted to public employees in the state.

Program: Morning Edition
Air Date: 05/25/23
Length: 00:03:29

3 ways to protect your money if the U.S. defaults on its debt

If the U.S. defaults on its debt, the fallout could be huge for Americans.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 06/13/23

Length: 00:01:41

Thousands of Mississippians at risk of losing food aid under new law

Advocates are concerned that new work requirements for people receiving aid through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program will hurt vulnerable populations in Mississippi.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS AND POLITICS

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 04/04/23

Length: 00:01:28

Mississippi's legislative leaders discuss the policy decisions made during this year's session

Mississippi's legislative leaders are reflecting on this year's session and how policy decisions could affect the state.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 04/10/23

Length: 00:04:21

Post- The hunt for clues about how classified government documents leaked

If the U.S. government is investigating a leak of classified documents that appear to give a snapshot of the intelligence community's understanding of the world in late February and early March.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 04/10/23

Length: 00:03:59

The future availability of abortion pills remains uncertain after conflicting rulings

A conflicting and confusing set of federal court rulings Friday is leaving abortion providers in the U.S. uncertain about the future availability of abortion pills.

Program: All Things Considered

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Length: 00:04:37

Republican South Carolina Sen. Tim Scott takes a step toward a presidential Bid

Republican South Carolina Sen. Tim Scott has taken a significant step toward a presidential bid, launching an exploratory committee.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 05/08/23

Length: 00:01:32

NAACP's case against the governor put on hold due to a recent injunction

A Hinds County Chancery Court Judge has issued a 10-day preliminary injunction on parts of House Bill 1020.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 05/31/23

Length: 00:01:38

Mississippi Supreme Court to hear HB1020 appeal

A state-level appeal in the lawsuit challenging House Bill 1020 will move forward, but not before the controversial law goes into effect.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 06/02/23

Length: 00:01:40

Voter advocates file lawsuit over new Mississippi law

The American Civil Liberties Union announced yesterday that they have joined a collection of advocacy groups across the state to challenge Senate Bill 2358.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 06/02/23

Length: 00:01:40

Voter advocates file lawsuit over new Mississippi law

Multiple voting rights groups have filed a federal lawsuit against Mississippi over a new voting law.

HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 04/10/23

Length: 00:03:54

Millions of people may soon be disenrolled from Medicaid despite still being eligible

States can once again begin removing people from their Medicaid rolls.

Program: Fresh Air

Air Date: 04/27/23

Length: 00:17:36

This 'full spectrum' doula helps with birth, miscarriage and abortion

Since 2010, Vicki Bloom has worked with the Doula Project, a New York City-based collective that partners with clinics to support pregnant people — whether the result is childbirth or termination.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 04/28/23

Length: 00:01:32

Medical professionals release response to recent ruling on vaccination requirements

A nationally-recognized organization of pediatricians is speaking out against the recent ruling that Mississippi public schools must honor religious exemptions for vaccinations.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 05/03/23

Length: 00:01:35

Non-profit dedicated to accessible reproductive healthcare is starting a new telehealth program

The Converge organization has launched GetPersonal, which will allow Mississippians to have online consultations with a doctor about family planning medication.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 05/12/23

Length: 00:01:52

To improve birth outcomes for uninsured moms, Birmingham is training more doulas

In January, BirthWell Partners got a \$121,000 grant from the city to sponsor 32 work-study doula trainees and provide free services to 130 families.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 05/24/23

Length: 00:01:37

Jackson has one of the highest STD rates in the country, report shows

Jackson, Mississippi, currently ranks second in sexually transmitted disease rates across the country, according to a new report. Innerbody's sixth annual analysis of CDC data on STDs found that 1,358 of every 100,000 residents have been diagnosed with an STD.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 06/22/23

Length: 00:01:41

National study names Mississippi the worst state overall for its health system

58 individual measures were used to rank states' health care outcomes in The Commonwealth Fund's 2023 Scorecard on Health System Performance.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 06/29/23

Length: 00:03:34

UMMC starts construction on new nursing school

The only university medical center in the state is breaking ground on a new facility for its nursing students.

CHILD AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT

Program: Morning Edition
Air Date: 04/20/23
Length: 00:05:21

Philly schools aim to lower shootings involving kids with conflict resolution skills

Philadelphia schools are trying to keep students in surrounding neighborhoods safe from gun violence by offering support and monitors who can escort students home. Students are intervening, too.

Program: Local News Segment
Air Date: 04/21/23
Length: 00:01:33

U.S. District judge rules Mississippi public schools must honor religious exemptions to vaccines

Mississippi Public Schools will now be required to allow religious exemptions for parents who choose not to vaccinate their children.

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Length: 00:01:32

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Program: Morning Edition
Air Date: 05/04/23
Length: 00:02:00

Michelle Obama launches a food company aimed at healthier choices for kids

Michelle Obama is taking on a new role as the co-founder of PLEZi Nutrition, which aims to market food and beverages for kids that are both tasty and healthy.

Program: Morning Edition
Air Date: 05/11/23
Length: 00:02:35

4-year-old rapper, who performs under the name VanVan, receives a lot of attention

Savannah McConneaughey got her start in music like most four-year-old rap stars: by watching Frozen.

Program: Local News Segment
Air Date: 06/05/23
Length: 00:01:49

With pandemic-era boost to SNAP over, a Mississippi diaper bank is receiving more calls for help

The COVID-19 public health emergency ended in mid-May, putting a halt to pandemic relief funding across the United States.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 06/21/23

Length: 00:04:34

‘Kids will end their lives’: Anti-trans legislation is impacting mental health in the Gulf South

Lawmakers in Louisiana spent a lot of time this past legislative session on bills aimed at transgender youth.

.Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 06/22/23

Length: 00:02:29

A Mississippi teen unpacks how the Jackson water crisis impacts education

Georgianna McKenny's award-winning podcast begins, fittingly, with a blaring alarm.

ENVIRONMENT, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Program: Morning Edition
Air Date: 04/04/23
Length: 00:06:39

In his new Cybersecurity Strategy, Biden identifies cloud security as a major threat

The federal government currently has few tools to deal with a major cloud services disruption.

Program: Local News Segment
Air Date: 04/26/23
Length: 00:01:37

New report suggests expanding broadband infrastructure in Southern Black Belt counties

Advocacy and research groups have released a report stating that better internet access could directly impact the health of people of color.

Program: Local News Segment
Air Date: 05/10/23
Length: 00:01:39

Highly contested Yazoo Pumps project back on table

The Army Corps of Engineers and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency are moving forward with a plan to reduce flooding along the Yazoo River in Mississippi's South Delta region, but critics of the project say it could cause irreversible damage to both nearby ecosystems and marginalized communities.

Program: Local News Segment
Air Date: 06/21/23
Length: 00:01:30

Thousands are still without power during potentially dangerous temperatures

Tens of thousands of Mississippi customers are still without power after a weekend of storms. Now, Entergy Mississippi is still working to restore power to thousands of customers.

Program: Local News Segment
Air Date: 06/26/23
Length: 00:04:01

Hattiesburg native wins gold at USA International Ballet Competition

A native Mississippian has been named a top performer for the 12th USA International Ballet Competition.

Program: Local News Segment
Air Date: 06/28/23
Length: 00:01:44

Mississippi gets 1.2 billion to expand internet access

Mississippi will soon receive funds from a federal program created to expand accessibility to high-speed internet.