

2023 Quarter 2 Isssues and Programs List

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The licensee of station WRKF has determined the issues listed below were of importance to the community during the past three months and has aired the following programming to address those issues.

- 1. 2023 Louisiana gubernatorial election
- 2. Womens' reproductive rights and abortion
- 3. Public health
- 4. Racial equity
- 5. Climate and environment

Issue	Segment/Story/Program Title	Series/Program Name	Air Date	Air Time	Duration	Host / Reporter	Guest(s)	Description	URL
1	Scott Wilfong on the governor's race	Talk Louisiana	2023-04-12	09:00, 21:00	16:00	Jim Engster	Scott Wilfong	Republican political consultant Scott Wilfong speaks on the upcoming governors race and the candidates.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/talk-louisiana/2023-06-28/scott-wilfong-dayne-sherman-lisa-cornwell-jeremy-white
1	Richard Nelson on his candidacy	Talk Louisiana	2023-04-14	09:00, 21:00	22:00	Jim Engster	Richard Nelson	Louisiana State Representative and candidate for governor Richard Nelson gives insight on his candidacy and campaign for governor.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/talk-louisiana/2023-04-14/richard-nelson-stephanie-grace-elbert-guillory
1	A conversation with state representative Richard Nelson	Louisiana Considered	2023-05-05	12:07, 19:34	10:00	Stephanie Grace	Richard Nelson	The Louisiana governor’s race is coming up this November, and so far, nine candidates have thrown their hats in the ring. Over the next few weeks, we will bring you a series of interviews with these candidates as they speak with the The Times-Picayune The Advocate editorial director and columnist, Stephanie Grace. Up first we have Richard Nelson, a Republican state representative from Mandeville. He spoke with Grace about his stance on the income tax, the legalization of marijuana, public school choice, and what he would bring to the governor’s office as a millennial candidate.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/louisiana-considered/2023-05-05/how-the-louisiana-legislature-is-addressing-carbon-capture-this-congressional-session
1	A conversation with Shawn Wilson	Louisiana Considered	2023-05-11	12:07, 19:34	10:00	Stephanie Grace	Shawn Wilson	For the next few weeks, we will continue our conversations with candidates in the 2023 Louisiana governor’s race. Today we’re joined by Shawn Wilson, a democrat who served as secretary of transportation and development for Gov. John Bel Edwards. He tells us what he believes it will take for a candidate on the left to win in a red state.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/louisiana-considered/2023-05-11/tunica-biloxi-tribe-to-host-first-pow-wow-since-the-pandemic

1	A conversation with Stephen Waguespack	Louisiana Considered	2023-05-24	12:07, 19:34	10:00	Stephanie Grace	Stephen Waguespack	The election for the next governor of Louisiana is just six months away, and here on Louisiana Considered, we are bringing you a series of interviews with the candidates. Today we bring you a conversation with Republican Stephen Waguespack. He spoke to the Times-Picayune’s editorial director and columnist, Stephanie Grace, about his year’s in the Jindal administration, his business experience, and what he hopes to bring to the office.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/louisiana-considered/2023-05-24/how-oil-and-gas-companies-are-responding-to-michael-bloombergs-campaign-against-petrochemicals
1	A conversation with State Treasurer John Schroder	Louisiana Considered	2023-06-02	12:07, 19:34	10:00	Stephanie Grace	John Schroder	The election for the next governor of Louisiana is just six months away, and here on Louisiana Considered, we are bringing you a series of interviews with the candidates. Today we bring you a conversation with Republican State Treasurer John Schroder. He spoke to the Times-Picayune’s editorial director and columnist, Stephanie Grace, about his long tenure in state politics and what he hopes to accomplish if elected.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/louisiana-considered/2023-06-02/utility-bill-of-the-month-series-explores-rising-costs-of-water-and-power-in-the-gulf-south
1	Improving the quality of public discourse ahead of the gubernatorial election	Louisiana Considered	2023-06-07	12:07, 19:34	08:00	Adam Vos	Barry Erwin	The talk is already heating up in this fall’s gubernatorial race here in Louisiana, with fundraising in full swing and attack ads already on the airwaves. Now, a group of Louisiana’s largest public affairs organizations are setting out to educate not just the voting public – but also the candidates themselves – about the issues important to the state. Barry Erwin, president and CEO of Council for a Better Louisiana, tells us more about this nonpartisan effort from RESET Louisiana.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/louisiana-considered/2023-06-07/public-affairs-orgs-want-to-focus-on-four-key-issues-ahead-of-fall-statewide-elections
1	A conversaiton with Hunter Landry	Louisiana Considered	2023-06-09	12:07, 19:34	10:00	Stephanie Grace	Hunter Landry	Today we bring you a conversation with Independent Hunter Lundy. He spoke to the Times-Picayune’s editorial director and columnist, Stephanie Grace, about why he wants to usher in a new era of bipartisanship.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/louisiana-considered/2023-06-09/breaking-down-what-passed-failed-during-the-2023-louisiana-legislative-session

1	Tyler Bridges on gubernatorial race	Talk Louisiana	2023-06-26	09:00, 21:00	28:00	Jim Engster	Tyler Bridges	Reporter for The Advocate/The Times-Picayune Tyler Bridges gives his input on the upcoming governor's election as well as its candidates and their campaigns.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/talk-louisiana/2023-06-26/tyler-bridges-madison-omalley
1	A conversation with state Senate majority leader Sharon Hewitt	Louisiana Considered	2023-06-27	12:07, 19:34	10:00	Stephanie Grace	Sharon Hewitt	The 2023 Louisiana election for governor is just five months away, and here at WWNO and WRKF, we are bringing you a series of conversations with the candidates. Today Republican Sharon Hewitt, the lone woman in the race who currently serves as the majority leader in the state Senate, speaks with the The Times-Picayune The Advocate's editorial director and columnist, Stephanie Grace.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/louisiana-considered/2023-06-27/after-devastating-sunday-night-loss-lsu-tigers-bounce-back-to-win-college-world-series
1	A conversation with Jeff Landry on his campaign to be Louisiana's next governor	Louisiana Considered	2023-06-30	12:07; 19:34	10:00	Stephanie Grace	Jeff Landry	The 2023 Louisiana election for governor is just five months away, and here at WWNO and WRKF, we have been bringing you a series of conversations with the candidates. Today we hear our final interview with Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry, a Republican gubernatorial candidate. He spoke with the Times-Picayune editorial director and columnist, Stephanie Grace, about his long career in politics, passion for fighting violent crime, why he believes in content-monitoring at libraries and what he would bring to the state's highest office.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/louisiana-considered/2023-06-30/a-conversation-with-jeff-landry-on-his-campaign-to-be-louisianas-next-governor
2	Update on state legislature's failed attempts to loosen abortion restrictions	Louisiana Considered	2023-05-11	12:07, 19:34	04:00	Alana Schreiber	Stephanie Grace	The Times Picayune / New Orleans Advocate's editorial director and columnist Stephanie Grace tells us about recent failed attempts to loosen abortion restrictions in Louisiana.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/louisiana-considered/2023-05-11/tunica-biloxi-tribe-to-host-first-pow-wow-since-the-pandemic

2	Latest on legislature efforts to amend state's abortion ban	Louisiana Considered	2023-05-17	12:07, 19:34	05:00	Diane Mack	Rosemary Westwood	Public Health Reporter Rosemary Westwood details a series of attempts in the state legislature to amend Louisiana's near-total abortion ban. Those proposals have all failed during this year's legislative session. Yesterday, Republicans in the House Criminal Justice Committee defeated two bills aimed at clarifying pregnancy care under the ban. Republicansalso defeated rape and incest exceptions last week.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/louisiana-considered/2023-05-17/investigating-community-mistrust-and-misconduct-inside-the-baton-rouge-police-department
2	Tax credit for anti-abortion facilities	Louisiana Considered	2023-06-06	12:07, 19:34	05:00	Diane Mack	Rosemary Westwood	This week, the Louisiana legislature is poised to pass a \$5 million tax credit for donations to anti-abortion pregnancy centers. The bill's author, Senator Beth Mizell, has said these centers can improve Louisiana's crisis in maternal and infant health. But a WWNO/WRKF survey found that most provide nearly no maternal health care, nearly no reproductive health care, and some provide health misinformation. Public health reporter Rosemary Westwood reported this story for WWNO and WRKF. She joins us now for more.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/louisiana-considered/2023-06-06/its-human-v-ocean-in-new-climate-justice-themed-experimental-musical-ocean-filibuster
2	Vox pop: A year after the death of Roe v. Wade	Louisiana Considered	2023-06-20	12:07, 19:34	05:00	Diane Mack	Ren Allen, Whitney Sides Mitchell, anonymous, Michelle Colon	One year ago, the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, ending federally protected abortion access. The Gulf States Newsroom asked people what has changed since then and we're hearing from them this week. We will start with four testimonies: Ren Allen, a law student in Mississippi, Whitney Sides Mitchell in Alabama, one anonymous woman in Louisian, and Michelle Colon, who runs Sisters Helping Everyone Rise or SHERO in Mississippi.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/louisiana-considered/2023-06-20/family-life-of-tennessee-williams-takes-center-stage-at-production-of-miss-rose-a-cabaret-play

2	A year after Roe was overturned, the impact of the landmark case	Louisiana Considered	2023-06-28	12:07, 19:34	23:00	Rosemary Westwood	n/a	In a special episode of her award-winning podcast Banned, public health reporter Rosemary Westwood takes us back to Mississippi to report on the impact of that landmark case. That Supreme Court decision actually centered on one Mississippi abortion clinic, Jackson Women’s Health Organization.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/louisiana-considered/2023-06-29/a-year-after-roe-was-overturned-we-head-back-to-mississippi-to-see-the-impact-of-the-landmark-case
3	Louisiana's upcoming mass Medicaid dis-enrollment	Louisiana Considered	2023-04-05	12:07, 19:34	05:00	Adam Vos	Julie O'Donoghue	Starting at the beginning of April, the federal government began cutting off pandemic-era relaxation of the rules on Medicaid enrollee verification. This marks the beginning of a massive \$196 million Medicaid dis-enrollment process, potentially presenting a hardship to vulnerable people in need of government assistance. Julie O'Donoghue reported on this story for the Louisiana Illuminator and she joins us today for more.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/louisiana-considered/2023-04-05/imported-seafood-is-outpricing-domestic-producers-in-louisiana-this-bill-seeks-to-change-that
3	Meeting the demand for nursing professionals	Louisiana Considered	2023-04-13	12:07, 19:34	08:00	Alana Schreiber	Cheryl Myers	Earlier this month, Governor John Bel Edwards and members of Ochsner Health and Delgado Community College cut the ribbon on the new Ochsner Center for Nursing and Allied Health. This new nursing program was established to meet the demand for medical professionals in Louisiana by offering flexible schedules and scholarship opportunities. Dr. Cheryl Myers, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs and College Provost for Delgado Community College, and Dr. Missy Sparks, Vice President of Talent Management in Human Resources at Ochsner Health, give us the details.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/louisiana-considered/2023-04-13/why-the-jefferson-parish-school-board-is-closing-down-several-schools-ahead-of-next-academic-year
3	GOP senator blocks ban on healthcare for transgender youth	Louisiana Considered	2023-06-01	12:07, 19:34	05:00	Alana Schreiber	Stephanie Grace	With the Times Picayune’s editorial director and columnist, Stephanie Grace. we learn more about the Republican state senator who recently blocked a ban on healthcare for transgender youth, along with everything else the legislature has done this week.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/louisiana-considered/2023-06-01/lsu-museum-exhibits-resourcefulness-creativity-of-pioneering-southern-artist-thornton-dial

3	Legislation attacking transgender youth increases risk of depression, suicide	Louisiana Considered	2023-06-26	12:07, 19:34	08:00	Karen Henderson	Drew Hawkins	This year lawmakers in Louisiana and throughout the Gulf South spent a lot of time on legislation aimed at transgender youth. Proponents say the goal is to protect children, but medical experts say this can impact a vulnerable population, as LGBTQ people face higher risks of depression and suicide. From the Gulf States Newsroom, Drew Hawkins has the story of how one trans teenager is coping in this moment.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/louisiana-considered/2023-06-26/ice-age-artifacts-discovered-at-louisianas-kisatchie-national-forest
3	Study: Racial health inequities cost the economy hundreds of billions	Louisiana Considered	2023-06-29	12:07, 19:34	10:00	Adam Vos	Thomas LaVeist	A recent study from Tulane found that racial and ethnic health inequities cost the U.S. economy \$450 billion dollars in one year. These costs are a sharp increase from previous years when a similar study was conducted and shows the disparities in healthcare costs for people of color. Thomas LaVeist, dean of the Tulane School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, tells us more about this study and the economic burden of health inequities.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/louisiana-considered/2023-06-28/baton-rouges-downtown-has-plenty-of-vacant-storefronts-this-new-effort-seeks-to-change-that
4	Legislative attacks on African American studies in schools	Louisiana Considered	2023-04-04	12:07, 19:34	04:00	Kyra Miles	n/a	Political leaders in many Southern states criticize the way schools teach about race in America. One of the latest flashpoints? Advanced Placement African American studies. Some conservative lawmakers have called for a ban on the course. For the Gulf States Newsroom, Kyra Miles went into one of the only schools in the region offering the class to hear directly from students.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/louisiana-considered/2023-04-04/a-preview-of-poetry-without-borders-a-new-orleans-festival-of-wordsmiths-and-musicians

4	Black communities struggle to recover from hurricanes	Louisiana Considered	2023-05-04	12:07, 19:34	08:00	Alana Schreiber	Adam Mahoney	For weeks, Adam Mahoney, climate reporter for the nonprofit news organization Capital B, traveled across Louisiana investigating why Black communities are still struggling to recover from hurricanes years after they swept through their towns. Although storms like Laura, Delta, Zeta, and Ida happened two to three years ago, thousands of the state’s Black residents remain living in damaged homes, trailers, and hotels. Adam Mahoney joins us for more on what he uncovered, and how many residents he met are taking recovery efforts into their own hands.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/louisiana-considered/2023-05-04/why-many-louisiana-black-communities-are-still-struggling-to-recover-from-hurricanes-years-later
4, 5	Maps show petrochemical plants disproportionately locate near Black communities	Louisiana Considered	2023-05-10	12:07, 19:34	05:00	Alana Schreiber	Halle Parker	The Deep South Center for Environmental Justice recently released new maps that show petrochemical plants in Louisiana are disproportionately located near Black communities. This report builds on research from the 1990s, and argues that little has changed in the last 30 years. The coastal desk’s Halle Parker joins us for more on these maps and what they reveal about the health and safety of residents in “Cancer Alley” and Calcasieu Parish.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/louisiana-considered/2023-05-10/breaking-down-perkins-v-hart-the-case-against-police-violence-in-st-tammany-parish
4	Dialogue on Race with Maxine Crump	Louisiana Considered	2023-06-21	12:07, 19:34	10:00	Adam Vos	Maxine Crump	Monday was Juneteenth, a holiday first recognized by the federal government two years ago that honors the date in 1865 when enslaved African Americans in Galveston, Texas, discovered they were free – some of the last to learn of their emancipation. Today, we are honoring the holiday by recognizing the work being done to combat racism in our region. Maxine Crump, founder and president/CEO of Dialogue on Race, an organization in Baton Rouge with a mission to eliminate racism through education and dialogue, joins us for more.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/louisiana-considered/2023-06-21/story-of-how-the-baton-rouge-bus-boycott-inspired-movements-across-the-country-takes-the-stage

5	Investigation into LNG plant plans in Plaquemines Parish	Louisiana Considered	2023-04-06	12:07, 19:34	08:00	Alana Schreiber	Sarah Sneath	Last year, Venture Global announced plans to build a liquified natural gas export facility in Plaquemines Parish in a predominantly Black and Indigenous community. But some scientists say this puts the area at risk of being impacted by the gas should the plant be hit by a hurricane or natural disaster. Sarah Sneath is an investigative climate reporter who reported for environmental news site DeSmog on the risk this facility will pose to the surrounding community. She joins us now for more.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/louisiana-considered/2023-04-06/plans-to-build-lng-export-facility-in-plaquemines-parish-raise-concerns-among-scientists-activists
5	EPA action on a Louisiana chemical plant	Louisiana Considered	2023-04-10	12:07, 19:34	08:00	Karen Henderson	Lylla Younes	It’s no secret that chemical plants in Louisiana have been releasing toxic emissions for years, risking the lives of the community members around them, who are most often people of color. But now, in a rare move, the Environmental Protection Agency is taking emergency action, trying to force one plant to immediately reduce or completely halt its emissions. Reporter Lylla Younes, who has been covering this story for the environmental magazine Grist, joins us now for more.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/louisiana-considered/2023-04-10/a-conversation-with-the-artist-behind-this-years-baton-rouge-blues-festival-poster
5	Gulf sea levels rising faster than global average	Louisiana Considered	2023-04-12	12:07, 19:34	09:00	Adam Vos	Sönke Dangendorf	Sea levels along the U.S. Southeast and Gulf coasts have been rapidly accelerating, rising faster than the average rate worldwide. According to a new study led by scientists at Tulane University, this has amounted to record-breaking rates over the past 12 years. Sönke Dangendorf, assistant professor in the Department of River-Coastal Science and Engineering at Tulane, tells us more about what the recent study reveals about the causes of accelerated sea level rise in this region.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/louisiana-considered/2023-04-12/sea-levels-are-rising-at-record-breaking-rates-in-the-gulf-south-tulane-study-says

5	Groups sue EPA on refinery wastewater and Clean Water Act protection of waterways	Louisiana Considered	2023-04-17	12:07, 19:34	10:00	Karen Henderson	Jen Duggan	Last week, a coalition of twelve environmental groups filed a lawsuit against the Environmental Protection Agency, alleging that the Biden administration is in violation of the Clean Water Act because it has failed to crack down on water pollution and protect against contamination. Jen Duggan, deputy director of the Environmental Integrity Project, which has been investigating how refineries discharge waste into waterways, tells us more.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/louisiana-considered/2023-04-17/a-look-at-efforts-to-clean-up-the-streets-and-protect-the-waterways-in-louisiana
5	Study: more severe hurricanes are expected to hit Gulf Coast in coming years	Louisiana Considered	2023-05-03	12:07, 19:34	08:00	Adam Vos	Karthik Balaguru	A new climate study published in the Science Advances journal has found that more severe hurricanes are likely to travel closer to the Gulf Coast in the coming years. According to the study, this is largely due to the warming of tropical waters, which can trigger changes in the wind that push stronger storms toward the Southeast. Karthik Balaguru, a climate scientist from the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, tells us more about this study and what sets it apart from other research into hurricane frequency.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/louisiana-considered/2023-05-03/new-climate-study-finds-that-more-severe-hurricanes-are-expected-to-hit-gulf-coast-in-coming-years
5	Author on pivotal book on land loss about the coast now	Louisiana Considered	2023-05-04	12:07, 19:34	08:00	Kezia Setyawan	Mike Tidwell	It's the 20 year anniversary of the book Bayou Farewell: The Rich Life and Tragic Death of Louisiana's Cajun Coast. When it came out, it was a groundbreaking look at Louisiana's land loss crisis, an issue that rarely went covered by national outlets at the time. Author Mike Tidwell joins coastal reporter Kezia Setyawan for a discussion on his trip back to the state two decades later and how the book has held up over time.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/louisiana-considered/2023-05-04/why-many-louisiana-black-communities-are-still-struggling-to-recover-from-hurricanes-years-later

5	Residents' concerns about carbon capture and carbon sequestration project proposals	Louisiana Considered	2023-05-05	12:07, 19:34	10:00	Carly Berlin	Halle Parker	Proposals for carbon capture and sequestration projects have been popping up across Louisiana for years. Officials have welcomed these projects, but residents have recently expressed their concerns of the plans to store carbon dioxide underground — especially in the area surrounding Lake Maurepas. Residents’ concerns of this new industry have led state lawmakers to propose a string of bills aimed at tightening restrictions and allowing for more local input on projects. The Coastal Desk’s Halle Parker has been following these bills, and joins us today for more.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/louisiana-considered/2023-05-05/how-the-louisiana-legislature-is-addressing-carbon-capture-this-congressional-session
5	Climate-smart agriculture	Louisiana Considered	2023-06-03	12:07, 19:34	04:00	Danny McArthur	n/a	Climate-smart agriculture is having a moment, thanks to a pledge of billions in federal funding earlier this year. But how exactly does it work? From the Gulf States Newsroom, Danny McArthur has the story of Louisiana farmers already experimenting with this practice of growing more while using less.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/louisiana-considered/2023-06-08/how-one-louisiana-court-interpreter-helps-clients-from-across-the-globe-navigate-the-legal-system
5	Do natural entities have rights?	Louisiana Considered	2023-06-07	12:07, 19:34	04:00	Juanpablo Ramirez Franco	n/a	As Juanpablo Ramirez Franco with the Mississippi River Basin Ag and Water Desk reports, Indigenous-led campaigns to recognize the legal rights of natural entities like wild rice, salmon and lakes are setting the stage for a nascent movement on the Mighty Mississippi.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/louisiana-considered/2023-06-07/public-affairs-orgs-want-to-focus-on-four-key-issues-ahead-of-fall-statewide-elections
5	Advocating for climate activism with an artistic approach	Louisiana Considered	2023-06-20	12:07, 19:34	07:00	Alana Schreiber	Matt Scott	Project Drawdown is a climate change organization that highlights the voices of often overlooked communities fighting for a better future. One of the ways the organization does this is through the Drawdown’s Neighborhood documentary series, which highlights community “climate heroes” in cities across the country.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/louisiana-considered/2023-06-20/family-life-of-tennessee-williams-takes-center-stage-at-production-of-miss-rose-a-cabaret-play