

2023 Quarter 3 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. Criminal justice and law enforcement
- 2. Environmental issues
- 3. Climate change and extreme weather events
- 4. 2023 Louisiana gubernatorial election
- 5. Disaster preparedness and recovery

Issue	Segment/Story/Program Title	Series/Program Name	Air Date	Air Time	Duration	Host / Reporter	Guest(s)	Description	URL
1	Temperatures in Louisiana prisons are reaching over 100 degrees	Louisiana Considered	2023-07-10	12:06, 17:34	08:00	Karen Henderson	Samantha Kennedy	Last week a heat wave swept through the Gulf South, and while some residents can cool off with air conditioning, the vast majority of inmates in the state have no access to it. Louisiana is one of 13 states in the hottest part of the country that lack guaranteed air conditioning in their prisons. And for years, inmates have been suffering from the consequences. Samantha Kennedy, executive director of The Promise of Justice Initiative, a New Orleans-based group that works to create positive change for people in the criminal legal system, says rising temperatures in prisons are violating inmates’ rights.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/louisiana-considered/2023-07-10/temperatures-in-louisiana-prisons-are-reaching-over-100-degrees-creating-deadly-problem-for-inmates
1	Immigration and Customs Enforcement Jena misconduct allegations	Louisiana Considered	2023-07-24	12:06, 17:34	06:00	Rashah McChesney	Bobbi Jeanne Misick	Back in April, former Gulf States Newsroom reporter Bobbi Jeanne Misickreported on a complaint alleging sexual assault, medical neglect and abuse of a Daniel Cortes De La Valle, a man detained at an Immigration and Customs Enforcement facility in Jena, Lousiana. Now, Misick has gotten audio of a medical emergency – and how staff treated it – from inside of the facility. She sat down with Gulf States Newsroom deputy editor Rashah McChesney to discuss what’s in the recording and what it says about the treatment of immigrants.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/louisiana-considered/2023-07-24/how-iberville-parish-residents-are-grappling-with-recent-explosion-at-nearby-dow-chemical-plant

1	Latest on minors at Angola	Louisiana Considered	2023-08-24	12:06, 17:34	06:00	Drew Hawkins	Bobbi-Jeane Misick	Last year, the state of Louisiana moved dozens of incarcerated children to an old death row facility at the Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola, the largest maximum security prison in the country. Advocates say the kids — mostly Black youth — are suffering from isolation and extreme heat. And at a recent hearing in Baton Rouge, civil rights lawyers asked a federal judge to take emergency action to remove them from the facility. Bobbi-Jeane Misick, a reporter for Verite, has been following the situation, and sat down with the Gulf States Newsroom’s Drew Hawkins to discuss the hearing.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/louisiana-considered/2023-08-24/latest-on-minors-at-angola-plus-the-psychological-impact-of-incarcerating-youth-in-adult-prisons
1	Psychological impact of incarcerating youth in adult prisons	Louisiana Considered	2023-08-24	12:06, 17:34	08:00	Bob Pavlovich	Joseph Nedelec	As efforts continue to remove teenagers from Angola, a new study shows minors incarcerated in adult correctional facilities have an increased risk of early death between the ages of 18-39. Joseph Nedelec co-authored the study and is a professor at the University of Cincinnati. He joins us to discuss his research and what it reveals about the psychological health of youth held in adult detention.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/louisiana-considered/2023-08-24/latest-on-minors-at-angola-plus-the-psychological-impact-of-incarcerating-youth-in-adult-prisons
1	BRPD ‘Brave Cave’	Louisiana Considered	2023-08-31	12:06, 17:34	06:00	Bob Pavlovich	Lara Nicholson	The Baton Rouge Police Department is under scrutiny after news broke of its so-called “Brave Cave,” a BRPD warehouse at police that was allegedly used as an unmonitored interrogation room. One BRPD officer resigned shortly after the facility’s existence was reported Tuesday. Lara Nicholson has been covering this story for the Baton Rouge Advocate and she joins us for more.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/louisiana-considered/2023-08-31/brpd-brave-cave-efforts-to-report-labor-violations-relocating-residents-in-flood-prone-areas

1	Baton Rouge Mayor-President Weston Broome on BRPD ‘Brave Cave’	Louisiana Considered	2023-09-06	12:06, 17:34	08:00	Adam Vos	Sharon Weston Broome	News broke last week of an unmonitored interrogation facility at a Baton Rouge Police warehouse, dubbed “the Brave Cave.” One officer resigned shortly after the news broke and others have been reassigned. Baton Rouge Mayor-President Sharon Weston Broome announced Thursday that the Baton Rouge Police Department’s street crimes unit had been disbanded. She joins us today to discuss how the “Brave Cave” happened, what’s being done to address it, and how the scandal might impact Baton Rouge’s search for its next police chief.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/louisiana-considered/2023-09-06/diverse-candidates-running-for-sheriff-baton-rouge-mayor-weston-broome-on-brave-cave-scandal
1	Effects of Louisiana's three strikes habitual offender laws	Louisiana Considered	2023-09-13	12:06, 17:34	06:00	Adam Vos	Richard Webster	Louisiana’s habitual offender law has been in place since 2009. Often referred to as a “three strikes” rule, it’s a controversial law that allows judges to put people convicted of certain crimes in prison for extended sentences, if they’ve had previous felony convictions. A recent effort attempted to undo this law, but last week the Louisiana Supreme Court struck down the changes. Reporter Richard Webster has been covering the habitual offender law for Verite News and ProPublica. He joins us now to discuss his recent story on one man’s experience with the law.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/louisiana-considered/2023-09-13/impacts-of-la-s-three-strikes-law-exploring-creole-language-and-asl-at-tedxbatonrouge

1	Impacts of ruling on youth incarcerated at Angola	Louisiana Considered	2023-09-20	12:06, 17:34	08:00	Adam Vos	David Utter	Earlier this month, a federal judge ruled that Louisiana could no longer incarcerate teenagers at the notorious state penitentiary at Angola. Several dozen boys were being housed at a former death row facility on the prison grounds, which U.S. District Judge Shelly Dick ruled as cruel and unusual punishment. She gave the state until last Friday to move the boys to another facility – and the state’s Office of Juvenile Justice complied. David Utter, executive director of the Fair Fight initiative, was lead counsel on the lawsuit that led to the judge’s ruling. He joins us to discuss the case, and what it means for Louisiana.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/louisiana-considered/2023-09-20/impacts-of-ruling-on-youth-incarcerated-at-angola-encore-interview-with-candidate-waguespack
1	BRPD ‘Brave Cave’ investigation	Louisiana Considered	2023-09-21	12:06, 17:34	05:00	Bob Pavlovich	Lara Nicholson	A few weeks ago, allegations surfaced that the Baton Rouge Police Department had been using a police warehouse as an unmonitored interrogation chamber. The facility – known within the department as the “Brave Cave,” was shut down in August. The scandal has led to one officer’s resignation, and the city’s street crimes unit has been disbanded. Earlier this week, a woman filed a lawsuit accusing BRPD officers of sexual battery at the facility. Lara Nicholson has been covering this story for The Advocate, and she joins us today for an update on the investigation.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/louisiana-considered/2023-09-21/brpd-brave-cave-investigation-why-nola-trees-are-sick-encore-interview-with-jeff-landry
2	Feral pigs are wreaking havoc on Louisiana farms and wildlife	Louisiana Considered	2023-07-13	12:06, 17:34	08:00	Bob Pavlovich	Glen Gentry	Feral hogs are an exploding problem in Louisiana, posing threats to the environment, other animals and people. Some think we can hunt our way out of the problem, but LSU estimates there are more invasive wild pigs in the state than there are people in New Orleans, Baton Rouge and Shreveport combined. Dr. Glen Gentry, director of the LSU AgCenter’s Central Research Station, tells us about ‘pig briggs,’ a patent-pending solution to this problem he and his team are working on.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/louisiana-considered/2023-07-13/feral-pigs-are-wreaking-havoc-on-louisiana-farms-and-wildlife-today-we-look-at-a-potential-solution

2	Preserving unindustrialized strech of chemical corridor	Louisiana Considered	2023-07-31	12:06, 17:34	04:00	Halle Parker	n/a	Along Louisiana’s vast chemical corridor, there’s one conspicuous stretch of land that hasn’t been industrialized. And some want to keep it that way, as a 14-mile-long, uninterrupted window into the past. The Coastal Desk’s Halle Parker explores what it means to preserve this region.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/louisiana-considered/2023-07-31/international-teachers-head-to-louisiana-to-teach-french-and-spanish-in-upcoming-school-year
2	Mid Barataria Diversion groundbreaking	Louisiana Considered	2023-08-16	12:06, 17:34	05:00	Adam Vos	Halle Parker	Last week, the state broke ground on its costliest and most controversial project aimed at rebuilding Louisiana’s degraded coastline and maintaining the marsh as sea levels continue to rise. Located in Plaquemines Parish, the Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion will totally alter the landscape off the parish’s west bank. The Coastal Desk’s Halle Parker joins to tell us more about the project and the future of Louisiana’s coastal restoration efforts.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/louisiana-considered/2023-08-16/shreveport-little-theatres-history-chronicled-in-new-lpb-documentary
2	Pollution mapping	Louisiana Considered	2023-08-23	12:06, 17:34	05:00	Adam Vos	Halle Parker	It’s not easy to picture what’s in the air we breathe. But earlier this month, a researcher debuted a new tool that could help visualize pollution in the Gulf South region. The Coastal Desk’s Halle Parker tells us how some environmental groups are already using the new device.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/louisiana-considered/2023-08-23/one-lsu-student-responded-to-a-tragedy-with-a-plan-to-redesign-baton-rouges-tigerland-neighborhood

2	Saltwater wedge 101	Louisiana Considered	2023-09-27	12:06, 17:34	06:00	Adam Vos	Halle Parker	Salt water from the Gulf of Mexico has been moving inland, up the drought-stricken Mississippi River – and it’s already contaminatingthe drinking water supplies in some southeastern Louisiana communities. Officials say they expect the saltwater wedge to reach more drinking water supplies upriver – including Orleans, St. Bernard and Jefferson parishes – by the mid- to late October. This week, Gov. John Bel Edwards requested federal help to address the situation. The Coastal Desk’s Halle Parker is putting together a guide to help residents understand the threat of the saltwater wedge – and what they can do to prepare. She joins us today to answer questions that came directly from our listeners.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/louisiana-considered/2023-09-27/saltwater-wedge-moves-inland-federal-funding-for-ev-infrastructure-new-hnoc-exhibit-unveiled
2	Panic buying as saltwater wedge/emergency response	Louisiana Considered	2023-09-28	12:06, 17:34	08:00	Bob Pavlovich	Nina Cleveland	As the saltwater wedge slowly makes its way up the Mississippi River, residents across the state are preparing to deal with the possibility of salinity in their drinking water. Officials have asked Louisianans not to hoard water, but many are already doing what researchers call “panic buying.” Nina Cleveland, an adjunct professor of emergency & security studies at Tulane University’s School of Professional Advancement, studies the factors behind panic buying. She joins us now for more on the science – and to offer some healthy alternatives.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/louisiana-considered/2023-09-28/nola-ballot-propositions-why-its-not-time-to-panic-over-bottled-water-history-of-black-qbs
3	Extreme weather events and climate change	Louisiana Considered	2023-07-06	12:06, 17:34	04:00	Drew Hawkins	n/a	The Fourth of July holiday brought sweltering temperatures to the Gulf South as a deadly heat wave settled over the region. Experts say these extreme weather events are likely to become more common due to climate change. Drew Hawkins of the Gulf States Newsroom reports on how some of the people most vulnerable to the heat are dealing with it.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/louisiana-considered/2023-07-06/biden-administration-could-help-la-become-more-resilient-if-money-gets-to-those-who-need-it-most

3	Crowd-sourced climate app	Louisiana Considered	2023-07-12	12:06, 17:34	09:00	Adam Vos	Julia Kumari Drapkin, Jessica Dandridge	Hurricane season is just around the corner, and as many Louisianans know, how well you can grapple with the damage and flooding of these storms is often based on how prepared you are. One Louisiana-based tech startup is focusing on making communities better prepared for floods by crowdsourcing data from individual neighborhoods and spreading the information to residents. Julia Kumari Drapkin, founder of the technology startup, ISeeChange, and Jessica Dandridge, executive director of The Water Collaborative in New Orleans, tell us how they envision this app leading toward actionable steps to combat climate change.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/louisiana-considered/2023-07-12/this-new-app-is-aimed-at-helping-communities-better-prepare-for-flooding
3	Rising temperatures explainer	Louisiana Considered	2023-07-12	12:06, 17:34	04:00	Halle Parker	n/a	But first, less than two weeks into the official start of summer, record-breaking heat has already swamped Louisiana and much of the South. And forecasters say the dangerous heat will likely continue. The Coastal Desk’s Halle Parker tells us how to stay safe from the rising temperatures.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/louisiana-considered/2023-07-12/this-new-app-is-aimed-at-helping-communities-better-prepare-for-flooding
3	Smart Surfaces Coalition and bringing down the heat	Louisiana Considered	2023-07-24	12:06, 17:34	07:00	Karen Henderson	Brendan Shane	This Fourth of July was the hottest recorded day in human history with multiple cities across the U.S. and the world recording record high temperatures. In an effort to help communities cool down, mayors in cities across the country are joining theSmart Surfaces Coalition, a multiyear project to bring down the heat. To learn more about this coalition and efforts to cool down cities, we are joined by Brendan Shane, climate director for the Trust for Public Land in New Orleans, who is involved with this project.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/louisiana-considered/2023-07-24/how-iberville-parish-residents-are-grappling-with-recent-explosion-at-nearby-dow-chemical-plant

3	Bicycling across America for climate change	Louisiana Considered	2023-08-03	12:06, 17:34	07:00	Bob Pavlovich	Michael Sean Comerford	He’s bicycled cross country six times, and hitchhiked across America, Europe, the Middle East, and North Africa. He rode freight trains, studied Buddhism in the Himalayas, and won a heavyweight boxing championship in Ireland. Now, he’s cycling across the country and talking to people he meets along the way about climate change as part of his journalism climate project, The Story Cycle: America’s Coasts in Climate Crisis. Michael Sean Comerford joins us for more on what he’s learned along the route.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/louisiana-considered/2023-08-03/in-new-podcast-new-orleans-journalists-investigate-the-corruption-and-conviction-of-a-local-dea-agent
3	How farmers handle heat	Louisiana Considered	2023-09-18	12:06, 17:34	05:00	Drew Hawkins	n/a	Louisiana just recorded its hottest summer ever as temperatures skyrocketed along the Gulf Coast. For agricultural workers, there’s little reprieve from the heat. The Gulf States Newsroom’s Drew Hawkins brings us voices from farmers in rural Louisiana.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/louisiana-considered/2023-09-18/abr-school-bus-crisis-worsens-encore-interview-with-sharon-hewitt-how-farmers-handle-heat

4	Polling on governor's race	Louisiana Considered	2023-07-26	12:06, 17:34	04:00	Adam Vos	Bernie Pinsonat	Poll analyst Bernie Pinsonat tells us what the Greg Rigamer poll released last week revealed about Louisianans’ opinions in the upcoming governor’s race.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/louisiana-considered/2023-07-26/exploring-the-untold-stories-of-families-enslaved-in-louisiana
4	Stephanie Grace on upcoming gubernatorial election	Louisiana Considered	2023-07-27	12:06, 17:34	05:00	Bob Pavlovich	Stephanie Grace	It’s Thursday, which means it’s time to catch up on this week in politics with The Times-Picayune The Advocate's editorial director and columnist, Stephanie Grace. Today we discuss the upcoming gubernatorial election and what we can expect to see from candidates in the coming months.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/louisiana-considered/2023-07-27/how-the-fdas-new-blood-donation-guidelines-will-impact-louisianans
4	Stephanie Grace on governor's race polling	Louisiana Considered	2023-08-24	12:06, 17:34	05:00	Bob Pavlovich	Stephanie Grace	It’s Thursday, which means it’s time to catch up on this week in politics with The Times-Picayune The Advocate's editorial director and columnist, Stephanie Grace. Today we hear what new polling reveals about voters’ opinions on the upcoming governor’s election.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/louisiana-considered/2023-08-24/latest-on-minors-at-angola-plus-the-psychological-impact-of-incarcerating-youth-in-adult-prisons

4	CABL Louisiana Factbook seeks to improve public dialogue ahead of governor's election	Louisiana Considered	2023-08-30	12:06, 17:34	08:00	Adam Vos	Barry Erwin	Council for a Better Louisiana recently released a suite of rankings and figures that measure the wellbeing of Louisianans. Known as the Louisiana Fact Book, the findings offer a collection of 35 indicators in five key areas of public policy, including education, the economy, and health. The organization’s CEO and president, Barry Erwin, tells us more about these findings and why they are released during election years.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/louisiana-considered/2023-08-30/as-tiger-island-fire-rages-on-ag-commissioner-mike-strain-details-multistate-response
4	Gubernatorial debate preview; why Landry is out	Louisiana Considered	2023-09-07	12:06, 17:34	05:00	Bob Pavlovich	Stephanie Grace	It’s Thursday, which means it’s time to catch up on this week in politics with The Times-Picayune The Advocate's editorial director and columnist, Stephanie Grace. We preview tonight’s 7 p.m. gubernatorial debate, and hear why presumed frontrunner Jeff Landry is sitting it out.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/louisiana-considered/2023-09-07/gubernatorial-debate-preview-school-mental-health-programs-problems-with-louisianas-energy-grid
4	Jeff Sadow on gubernatorial election	Talk Louisiana	2023-09-12	09:07, 21:07	24:34	Jim Engster	Jeff Sadow	Associate professor of political science at Louisiana State University in Shreveport Jeff Sadow comments on the upcoming governor's election and it's candidates.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/talk-louisiana/2023-09-12/heather-day-jeff-sadow-dona-collins-lewis
4	Gubernatorial debate preview with Stephanie Grace	Louisiana Considered	2023-09-14	12:06, 17:34	05:00	Bob Pavlovich	Stephanie Grace	It’s Thursday, which means it’s time to catch up on this week in politics with The Times-Picayune The Advocate's editorial director and columnist, Stephanie Grace. We preview the upcoming gubernatorial debate — which will include the race’s presumed frontrunner Republican Attorney General Jeff Landry for the first time — and discuss other key elections in the state.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/louisiana-considered/2023-09-14/debate-preview-nopd-officer-shortage-teaching-financial-literacy-in-schools
4	Pollster Bernie Pinsonat on governor's election	Talk Louisiana	2023-09-19	09:07, 21:07	33:02	Jim Engster	Bernie Pinsonat	Pollster and political consultant Bernie Pinsonat is joined radio host Tony Brown to discuss the upcoming governor's election and the potential of a run-off.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/talk-louisiana/2023-09-19/bernie-pinsonat-tony-brown-katherine-blunt-darrell-ourso
4	Jeff Landry on campaign for governor	Talk Louisiana	2023-09-22	09:07, 21:07	21:00	Jim Engster	Jeff Landry	Louisiana Attorney General and candidate for governor Jeff Landry speaks on his candidacy and campaign.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/talk-louisiana/2023-09-22/jeff-landry-bob-mann-hillar-moore
4	Mike Wolf on gubernatorial election	Talk Louisiana	2023-09-28	09:07, 21:07	23:00	Jim Engster	Mike Wolf	Libertarian lawyer Mike Wolf speaks on the upcoming governor's election as well as Donald Trump.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/talk-louisiana/2023-09-28/mark-kram-jr-mike-wolf

5	Hurricane Ida trailer program winding down	Louisiana Considered	2023-07-03	12:06, 17:34	04:00	Kezia Setyawan	n/a	the fate of nearly two thousand families who’ve been living in trailers since Hurricane Ida is up in the air this summer, as the state program to provide temporary housing winds down. The Coastal Desk’s Kezia Setyawan has this report on how some renters still haven’t found anywhere else to live.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/louisiana-considered/2023-07-03/60-years-after-baton-rouge-swim-in-protest-a-new-gallery-exhibit-tells-this-story
5	Biden administration could help La. become more resilient	Louisiana Considered	2023-07-06	12:06, 17:34	05:00	Rob Pavlovich	Halle Parker	Back in 2020, Lake Charles, Louisiana suffered from back to back hurricanes, and while some areas of the city have since recovered, others look like the storms just blew through yesterday. Now, money from the Biden administration could help the area become more resilient, but some worry the investments won't get to the neighborhoods and people that need it most. WWNO’s coastal reporter Halle Parker recently visited Lake Charles and spoke with residents. She joins us for more on her reporting.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/louisiana-considered/2023-07-06/biden-administration-could-help-la-become-more-resilient-if-money-gets-to-those-who-need-it-most
5	Lake Charles recovery from Hurricane Laura and Hurricane Delta, three years later	Louisiana Considered	2023-08-14	12:06, 17:34	04:00	Stephan Bisaha	n/a	In 2020, Lake Charles, Louisiana was devastated by Hurricane Laura. Just six weeks later, the city was hit again by Hurricane Delta. Today, we listen to a report from The Gulf States Newsroom’s Stephan Bisaha, who traveled to the city to speak with residents about ongoing recovery efforts. He also tells us what’s being done to fortify Lake Charles against future storms.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/louisiana-considered/2023-08-14/two-years-since-two-hurricanes-swept-through-lake-charles-we-look-at-ongoing-recovery-efforts
5	Louisiana Watershed encourages demolishing homes and relocation	Louisiana Considered	2023-08-31	12:06, 17:34	06:00	Rob Pavlovich	Pat Forbes	Even though we’re in a drought, many Louisianans are still preparing for floods. For those who live along the coast and in floodplains, they’re asking the same old questions: ‘Do I stay or go?’ ‘Raise my home or find a place out of harm’s way?’ The Louisiana Watershed Initiative is not only encouraging residents in flood-prone areas to relocate, but actually helping them do so through home demolition and rebuilding projects. Pat Forbes, executive director of the Louisiana Office of Community Development, tells us more.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/louisiana-considered/2023-08-31/brpd-brave-cave-efforts-to-report-labor-violations-relocating-residents-in-flood-prone-areas

5	Promoting grid resiliency	Louisiana Considered	2023-09-07	12:06, 17:34	08:00	Rob Pavlovich	Logan Burke	Most Louisianans are all too familiar with the high utility bills that arrive in the hot summer months, as we try to cool down our homes. But these high costs can be the result of an inefficient and unresilient energy grid. Still, there are lots of ways consumers can keep their energy bills down – from installing solar panels to running the dishwasher at night instead of during the day. To learn more about “grid resiliency” and ways that individuals, businesses and even Mardi Gras krewes are committing to energy efficiency, we talk with Logan Burke, executive director of the Alliance for Affordable Energy.	https://www.wrkf.org/show/louisiana-considered/2023-09-07/gubernatorial-debate-preview-school-mental-health-programs-problems-with-louisianas-energy-grid
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