

Quarterly Issues Program for WITF-TV, Harrisburg, PA

Section 1. Issues identified.

October 1 – December 30, 2023

The station has identified the following issues as significant to the community during this quarter:

Abortion, Agriculture, Alcohol, Drug Abuse/Addiction, American History/Biography, Arts, Business/Industry, Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement, Culture, Disabilities, Economy, Education, Energy, Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters, Health/Health Care, Immigration/Refugees, Media, Minorities/Civil Rights, National Politics/Government, Poverty/Hunger, Science/Technology, Sexuality, Social Services, Transportation, Urban Development/Infrastructure, War/Veterans/National Security, Women, Youth.

Section II. Responsive Programs.

The station has broadcast a variety of programming that addressed the above-referenced issues. A non-comprehensive sampling is below.

Category	Series Title	Airdate	Description
Alcohol, Drug Abuse/Addiction	PBS NewsHour	10/10/2023 06:00:00 PM	It's been more than two and half years since a first-of-its-kind law went into effect in Oregon that decriminalized small possession of most drugs, including opioids and methamphetamines. Stephanie Sy reports from Portland on what's working and what's not working with a law that advocates hoped would change the paradigm around drug enforcement.
American History/Biography	American Buffalo; The	10/16/2023 08:00:00 PM	The dramatic story of how America's national mammal, which sustained the lives of Native people, was driven to the brink of extinction. Ken Burns recounts the tragic collision of two opposing views of the natural world.
Arts	PBS NewsHour	10/23/2023 06:00:00 PM	Some international singers lent their talents to the virtual concert, "Voices of Peace in Times of War." The Jerusalem Youth Chorus, composed of Israeli and Palestinian singers, helped organize this after canceling its long-planned trip to the U.S. The group is intended to foster dialogue and empathy even in the worst of times.
Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement	Independent Lens	10/09/2023 10:00:00 PM	Legendary U.S. anthropologist Dr. Clyde Snow sets out to train a new group of Latin American students in the use of forensic anthropology. Their goal: to investigate disappearances in Argentina during the "dirty war." The group expands its horizons, traveling to El Salvador, Bolivia, and Mexico, doggedly working behind the scenes to establish the facts for the families of the victims.
Culture	Lucy Worsley's Royal Myths & Secrets	10/01/2023 04:00:00 AM	Join Lucy for the inside story of the English Reformation. Was Henry VIII's desire to divorce Catherine of Aragon and marry Anne Boleyn the real reason for England's split from Catholic Europe? Or was a secret political agenda really at work?
Education	PBS NewsHour	10/31/2023 06:00:00 PM	West Virginia University made headlines in the world of higher education this year when it announced it was making major cuts to some academic programs and faculty. There's concern about whether other public universities may follow suit. Special correspondent Hari Sreenivasan has reports for our series, Rethinking College.
Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters	NOVA	10/11/2023 09:00:00 PM	700 million years ago, Earth was a giant snowball cloaked in ice from pole to pole. How did life manage to hold on through this deadly deep freeze, find creative ways to bounce back, and thrive in the dramatically different world that emerged?
Family/Marriage	Finding Your Roots	10/10/2023 08:00:00 PM	Henry Louis Gates helps actors David Duchovny and Richard Kind trace their roots from Jewish communities in Eastern Europe to the United States telling stories of triumph and tragedy that laid the groundwork for his guest's success.
Health/Health Care	To the Contrary with Bonnie Erbe	10/13/2023 04:30:00 PM	Two women are being honored with the American Innovators Award by the bipartisan Bayh-Dole Coalition. Dr. Katalin Karikó helped develop the mRNA platform behind the COVID-19 vaccine and Dr. Carol Mimura helped the research that led to a revolutionary cancer therapy.
Media	PBS News Weekend	10/01/2023 05:00:00 PM	In our news wrap Sunday, the death toll in Saturday's earthquakes that leveled multiple villages in western Afghanistan climbed to nearly 2,500, and U.S. gymnast Simone Biles won two gold medals on the final day of competition at the World Gymnastics Championships two days after winning a record sixth all-around title.

Minorities/Civil Rights	American Masters	10/02/2023 04:00:00 AM	Trace the life and legacy of labor activist Cesar Chavez. Through interviews with Maya Angelou, Joan Baez, Carlos Santana and more, see how music and the arts were instrumental to the success of the farmworkers' movement Chavez helped found.
National Politics/Government	Washington Week with The Atlantic	10/06/2023 08:00:00 PM	Kevin McCarthy loses his speakership and the race for who could possibly govern the House Republican Caucus is underway. What does it mean for the health of the GOP, for the country and for the 2024 presidential campaign? Join moderator Jeffrey Goldberg, Nancy Cordes of CBS News, Eugene Daniels of Politico and Chuck Todd of NBC News to discuss this and more.
Recreation/Leisure/Sports	Native America	10/31/2023 09:00:00 PM	Across Native America, warrior traditions support incredible athletes and connect people to combat, games, and glory. Celebrate and honor the men and women who live and breathe this legacy today.
Religion/Ethics	PBS NewsHour	10/04/2023 06:00:00 PM	In our news wrap Wednesday, Pope Francis kicked off a meeting on the future of the Catholic Church with his reform agenda on the line, President Biden hinted he may try to bypass Congress to get more money for Ukraine and this year's Nobel Prize in chemistry goes to three scientists whose research lit up the world of nanotechnology.
War/Veterans/National Security	POV	10/23/2023 10:00:00 PM	At 14, Aurora Madrigalian survived the Armenian Genocide and escaped to New York, where her story became a media sensation. Blending storybook animation, video testimony, and footage from her lost silent epic, Aurora's Sunrise revives her forgotten story.
Women	American Experience	10/28/2023 10:00:00 PM	Explore how the challenges facing the women's suffrage movement, including internal debates over radical tactics and the place of African American women in the movement, shaped the battle in the crucial period from 1906-1915.
Youth	PBS News Weekend	10/14/2023 05:00:00 PM	Learning how to swim is a rite of passage for many, but a surprising number of American children can't swim. Part of that comes down to access and restrictions rooted in racism that have kept generations of swimmers out of pools. Isabella Jibilian of Rhode Island PBS reports.
Abortion	PBS NewsHour	11/28/2023 06:00:00 PM	The Texas Supreme Court heard arguments in a case brought by 20 women who allege they have been denied emergency care because of the state's abortion laws. They argue the medical exceptions in the state's abortion bans are too narrow to protect patients who face pregnancy complications. Geoff Bennett discussed the case with one of the plaintiffs, Taylor Edwards, and lead attorney Molly Duane.
American History/Biography	Finding Your Roots	11/07/2023 08:00:00 PM	Henry Louis Gates uncovers the lost roots of actors Billy Crudup and Tamera Mowry-Housley, traveling back generations to recount significant events in history from the American Revolution to the journey of the Mayflower in a deeply personal way.
Arts	American Masters	11/04/2023 09:00:00 PM	Madison Thomas' feature documentary is a joyous, challenging account of this cultural and musical icon's lifelong commitment to music and sharing the truth. Buffy shares her own story, from her early love of music to the activism she continues to this day, despite her career being suppressed because of it. Additional interviews include Alanis Obomsawin, Joni Mitchell, Robbie Robertson and many others whose lives Buffy has touched.
Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement	PBS NewsHour	11/06/2023 06:00:00 PM	In our news wrap Monday, Ukraine's southern port of Odesa came under heavy Russian attacks, Nobel laureate Narges Mohammadi began a hunger strike in Iran, aid is slowly reaching areas of Nepal hit by Friday's earthquake, the Highland Park July 4 shooting suspect's father pleaded guilty to misdemeanors, and a second Denver-area police officer was acquitted of charges in the death of Elijah McClain.
Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement	A Town Called Victoria	11/13/2023 09:00:00 PM	A south Texas town is thrown into the national spotlight when a local mosque is burned to the ground in 2017. After the media moves on, the community is left to reflect on its complex history with racism.
Culture	Secrets of the Dead	11/08/2023 10:00:00 PM	How ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics were first translated 200 years ago and the archaeological work being done in Egypt to understand one of the most important scribes.
Disabilities	POV	11/20/2023 10:00:00 PM	Reflect on aging and transformation over the course of 16 years. This film blends humor and sadness between mother and daughter that blooms into an affectionate portrait of love, care, and a relationship transformed.

Economy	PBS NewsHour	11/22/2023 06:00:00 PM	There's been some good news of late when it comes to inflation. Data from the federal government last week showed inflation eased through October. And according to the Farm Bureau, the average cost of a Thanksgiving dinner actually decreased slightly this year. But as special correspondent Fred de Sam Lazaro reports, stubbornly high food prices are still squeezing families this holiday season.
Employment	PBS NewsHour	11/15/2023 06:00:00 PM	Steubenville, Ohio, was once a powerhouse of American manufacturing. But like many communities that depended on the steel industry, it has struggled to find its place in the modern economy as the country as a whole sees high growth and employment. Judy Woodruff visited the small city to understand why many of its residents say they feel forgotten. It's for her series, America at a Crossroads.
Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters	The Earthshot Prize 2023	11/12/2023 07:00:00 PM	Founded by Prince William in 2020, The Earthshot Prize aims to discover and help scale the world's most innovative climate and environmental solutions to protect and restore our planet. A star-studded awards ceremony, filming in Singapore on November 7, celebrates this year's fifteen finalists before awarding the five winners of The Earthshot Prize.
Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters	Spy in the Ocean, A Nature Miniseries	11/15/2023 08:00:00 PM	Spy creatures showcase the challenges of ocean life. From a baby whale in danger and marine iguanas battling storms, to a mantis shrimp's knockout punch, the spies are never far from trouble.
Health/Health Care	POV	11/01/2023 03:00:00 AM	Wearing snapback caps and Air Jordans, the Reality Poets don't look like typical nursing home residents. In Fire Through Dry Grass, these young, Black and brown disabled artists document their lives on lockdown during Covid, using their poetry and art to underscore the danger and imprisonment they feel. In the face of institutional neglect, they refuse to be abused, confined, and erased.
Health/Health Care	NOVA	11/15/2023 09:00:00 PM	Are scientists on the verge of a breakthrough in the fight against malaria, one of humanity's oldest and most devastating plagues? Follow researchers as they develop and test a promising new vaccine on a quest to save millions of lives.
Media	Amanpour and Company	11/17/2023 11:00:00 PM	Walter Isaacson discusses his new biography that reveals the complicated and controversial life of Elon Musk. The "Free Future 2023" forum is currently taking place in New York, and joining the program are two of the speakers: Tarana Burke and Mariam Manguera. Susan Glasser discusses her latest article in the New Yorker, "The Twilight of Mitch McConnell and the Spectre of 2024."
Minorities/Civil Rights	Amanpour and Company	11/21/2023 11:00:00 PM	The film industry is still falling short on diverse representation, both onscreen and off-screen. According to UCLA's latest report, only 16% of last year's top Hollywood releases were directed by people of color. Roger Ross Williams was the first African American director to win an Oscar. He now has a collection of Emmy and Peabody awards to his credit, but his journey has been an uphill battle.
National Politics/Government	Washington Week with The Atlantic	11/03/2023 08:00:00 PM	President Biden is facing a large set of challenges as he runs for reelection. The most unique challenge of all: no one his age has ever won the presidency. Plus, the latest on the Middle East war and the new House speaker. Join moderator Jeffrey Goldberg, Dan Balz of The Washington Post, Adam Harris of The Atlantic, Susan Page of USA Today and Alex Thompson of Axios to discuss this and more.
National Politics/Government	To the Contrary with Bonnie Erbe	11/17/2023 04:30:00 PM	Nikki Haley's Rise: Can a woman of color win in the GOP primary? Remote Work Dilemma: Working from home can be a blessing for many women, but will it hurt their advancement? PANEL: Fmr. Rep. Donna Edwards (D-MD), Fmr. Rep. Nan Hayworth (R-NY), Erin Matson, Rina Shah
National Politics/Government	PBS NewsHour	11/30/2023 06:00:00 PM	Henry Kissinger, America's most consequential and controversial Secretary of State, died Wednesday at the age of 100. He reached the peak of his power in the 1970s and remained highly influential until the very end. Nick Schifrin reports.
Recreation/Leisure/Sports	PBS NewsHour	11/23/2023 06:00:00 PM	The youngest coach in NCAA Division I sports this year just took home a national championship. Amna Nawaz spoke with 23-year-old Erin Matson, the rookie head coach of the North Carolina Tar Heels field hockey team, about the victory that gained national attention.

Science/Technology	NOVA	11/29/2023 09:00:00 PM	Sir David Attenborough explores a unique site in southern England with rare traces of Ice Age mammoths and Neanderthals. How did humans survive the frigid climate and did they have the tools and talent to hunt the giant beasts?
Transportation	PBS NewsHour	11/23/2023 06:00:00 PM	In our news wrap Thursday, Thanksgiving was derailed in a small Kentucky town after a train wrecked and spilled molten sulfur, police in Niagara Falls are working to determine what led to a deadly wreck at a border crossing, New York Mayor Eric Adams denied he sexually assaulted a woman in 1993 when he worked for the police department and raids in Germany targeted members and supporters of Hamas.
War/Veterans/National Security	Amanpour and Company	11/02/2023 11:00:00 PM	Across America, antisemitic threats have reached historic levels and anti-Arab sentiments are on the rise. College campuses are struggling to manage an outbreak of protests and an uptick in hate. Hari Sreenivasan talks to national security expert Juliette Kayyem about how the conflict is dividing America.
War/Veterans/National Security	Firing Line with Margaret Hoover	11/03/2023 08:30:00 PM	Military historian Kimberly Kagan discusses Israel's obstacles on the ground in Gaza, Ukraine's counteroffensive against Russia, and the role Iran plays in both conflicts. She also explains her concerns over U.S. readiness for wider war.
Women	Lucy Worsley's Royal Myths & Secrets	11/26/2023 09:00:00 PM	Investigate why Queen Anne's powerful role in the forging of Great Britain has often been forgotten. Lucy Worsley shares the inside story of the salacious gossip about Anne's love life that helped destroy her image and legacy.
Abortion	PBS NewsHour	12/15/2023 06:00:00 PM	The Supreme Court decision overturning Roe v. Wade upended the landscape of reproductive rights and made it a central issue in some elections. A story from The New York Times explains some of the internal dynamics of the court, from how the justices decided to hear the case, to how the decision was drafted and when it was ultimately handed down. Geoff Bennett discussed the report with Jodi Kantor.
Arts	PBS NewsHour	12/08/2023 06:00:00 PM	Each year, the NewsHour asks the Defense Visual Information Distribution Service at the Pentagon to produce holiday songs with service members singing. On this second night of Hanukkah, we present "Ocho Kandelikas" by the composer and singer Flory Jagoda.
Business/Industry	PBS NewsHour	12/12/2023 06:00:00 PM	An investigation into Chinese fishing fleets and processing centers has discovered that seafood produced with forced labor is making its way to American dinner tables. That's despite a U.S. ban on imports made by workers from China's Xinjiang province. That region is home to Muslim minority Uyghurs who have been the victims of well-documented human rights violations. John Yang reports.
Consumerism	PBS News Weekend	12/24/2023 05:00:00 PM	In our news wrap Sunday, Maersk paused its operations in the Red Sea after Houthi gunmen attacked one of their ships, Israeli airstrikes intensified in central Gaza as Netanyahu said the war would last "many more months," Congo re-elected its president in a contested landslide, singer Paula Abdul accused Nigel Lythgoe of sexual assault, and Denmark's queen announced she will abdicate her throne.
Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement	FRONTLINE	12/12/2023 10:00:00 PM	How a young National Guardsman allegedly leaked classified documents onto the Discord chat platform. With The Washington Post, Jack Teixeira's alleged leak of national secrets, why he wasn't stopped, and the role of platforms like Discord.
Culture	La Frontera with Pati Jinich	12/01/2023 10:00:00 PM	Acclaimed chef and James Beard Award-winning host Pati Jinich, travels from El Paso and Juarez to Big Bend National Park. She discovers the people, places, and food -- from burritos to middle eastern cuisine, that make this region unique.
Disabilities	POV	12/16/2023 08:00:00 PM	Christine's brother Peter experiences his world through touch, smell, and taste. Now 30 years old, Peter's family is having trouble finding the proper care for his multiple disabilities. He's My Brother explores how the family works to assure him a dignified life once the parents are gone -- and Christine's own uncertainties about one day becoming his primary caregiver.
Energy	PBS NewsHour	12/19/2023 06:00:00 PM	Ukrainian President Zelenskyy expressed confidence that both the U.S. and the European Union would deliver tens of billions of dollars in much-needed assistance. The aid is crucial for Ukraine's air defense, which is becoming more important as Russia begins what appears to be another winter-long campaign of strikes on Ukraine's infrastructure. Nick Schiffrin and videographer Eric O'Connor report.

Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters	Nature	12/06/2023 08:00:00 PM	Photographer and cinematographer Florian Schulz tracks wildlife at the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in the northeastern corner of Alaska.
Family/Marriage	Finding Your Roots	12/19/2023 08:00:00 PM	Henry Louis Gates, Jr. uncovers the remarkably diverse backgrounds of country music icons Clint Black and Rosanne Cash.
Health/Health Care	PBS NewsHour	12/04/2023 06:00:00 PM	New research is confirming something that doctors have already been noticing, an increase in cancer diagnoses among young women. Ali Rogin explores the reasons behind the increase and the blind spots medical systems have when treating young women.
Housing, Shelter	PBS NewsHour	12/14/2023 06:00:00 PM	The Federal Reserve is projecting as many as three interest rate cuts next year. That could help lower mortgage rates, which have been at a two-decade high this year, and help improve the affordability of buying a home. But a landmark jury decision could also change the costs of buying and selling a home and its overall price tag. Economics correspondent Paul Solman reports from Missouri.
Immigration/Refugees	PBS NewsHour	12/27/2023 06:00:00 PM	The Biden administration is closing out 2023 in much the same way it began, with headlines about a migrant crisis. Border patrol agents are encountering a record number of people entering the country and cities are struggling to keep up with asylum seekers. The president has dispatched three top advisers to Mexico in search of solutions. Stephanie Sy discussed more with Elliot Spagat.
Minorities/Civil Rights	Independent Lens	12/09/2023 08:00:00 PM	The vibrant life of Ernest Withers was anything but black and white. Soldier, police officer, civil rights activist, and paid FBI informant. It's an unlikely resume for an African American photographer in the 1960s, but complex times spawn complicated stories. From his Memphis studio, Withers developed nearly 2 million images that came to illustrate America's civil rights stories. But perhaps the push and pull of history is best illuminated by Withers' lesser-known work, decades of secret FBI service uncovered only after his death. From the flashpoint of an American saga, The Picture Taker brings us a tale from in front of, and behind, the camera.
National Politics/Government	Washington Week with The Atlantic	12/01/2023 08:00:00 PM	The House makes history by expelling George Santos from its ranks and Democrats put Sen. Tuberville on notice for holding up military appointments. Plus, a look at Trump's GOP coalition. Join moderator Jeffrey Goldberg, Tim Alberta of The Atlantic, Elisabeth Bumiller of The New York Times, Eugene Daniels of Politico and Philip Rucker of The Washington Post to discuss this and more.
National Politics/Government	PBS NewsHour	12/11/2023 06:00:00 PM	As Republican presidential contenders courted early-state voters and Wall Street donors, one candidate faced threats of violence. Vivek Ramaswamy's campaign said police arrested a man for making specific death threats at the candidate and supporters. Lisa Desjardins reports.
National Politics/Government	America at a Crossroads with Judy Woodruff	12/19/2023 09:00:00 PM	As America heads into another national election at a time of distrust and dissatisfaction, Judy Woodruff explores divisions in the country, their historic roots, and how to move forward.
Religion/Ethics	PBS NewsHour	12/19/2023 06:00:00 PM	When the printing press was invented nearly 600 years ago, it put an end to centuries of hand-written manuscripts in which scribes, mostly in monasteries, tediously wrote and illustrated sacred texts, such as the Bible. Fred de Sam Lazaro revisits one monastery that brought back that tradition and in the process, is helping bridge divides. It's part of our arts and culture series, CANVAS.
Science/Technology	NOVA	12/06/2023 09:00:00 PM	Who built Stonehenge and why? Discover how the last decade of groundbreaking archaeological digs has revealed major new clues to Britain's enigmatic 5,000-year-old site and the people who constructed it.
War/Veterans/National Security	Amanpour and Company	12/04/2023 11:00:00 PM	Josh Paul resigned from the U.S. State Department over arms transfer to Israel, he explains why. Rana Salman, a Palestinian human rights activist, and May Pundak, an Israeli human rights, lawyer explain their vision for the future of the region. Arelis Hernández of the Washington Post on Puerto Rico's health care crisis. Aria Mia Loberti on her new Netflix show "All the Light We Cannot See."

Women	To the Contrary with Bonnie Erbe	12/08/2023 04:30:00 PM	Hamas Attack: Examining the horrific use of rape as a weapon of war. Nikki Haley & Women in the GOP: Haley is at the center of the last debate, moderated by three women. Liz Cheney vows to defeat Donald Trump. PANEL: Linda Chavez, Carrie Lukas, Jessica Washington, Lara Brown, Ph.D.
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