

**Quarterly Issues Program for WITF-TV, Harrisburg, PA**

**Section 1. Issues identified.**

**January 1 – March 31, 2024**

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.

<b>Category</b>	<b>Series Title</b>	<b>Airdate</b>	<b>Description</b>
Abortion	PBS News Weekend	01/13/2024 05:00:00 PM	Since the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade in 2022, attempts to use the ballot box to enshrine the right to access abortion services into state constitutions have proliferated. This November, the issue could be on the ballot in as many as a dozen states, including some where abortion is banned or severely restricted. John Yang speaks with legal historian Mary Ziegler to learn more.
American History/Biography	Benjamin Franklin	01/19/2024 09:00:00 PM	Ken Burns's two-part, four-hour documentary, "Benjamin Franklin," explores the revolutionary life of one of the 18th century's most consequential and compelling personalities, whose work and words unlocked the mystery of electricity and helped create the United States.
Arts	PBS NewsHour	01/25/2024 06:00:00 PM	Motivated to make a change after serving time in prison for forgery, credit card abuse and burglary, Saul Paul discovered music as a way to inspire young people and help them avoid his path. The three-time Grammy-nominated performer calls himself "the musician with a message." Our Student Reporting Labs caught up with him as part of our arts and culture series, CANVAS.
Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement	PBS NewsHour	01/18/2024 06:00:00 PM	The Justice Department released a report on how law enforcement failed in its response to the school shooting in Uvalde, Texas, that left 19 children and two teachers dead. The nearly 600-page report lays out a series of "cascading failures of leadership, decision-making, tactics, policy, and training." Geoff Bennett discussed the findings with Tony Plohetski of the Austin American-Statesman.
Disabilities	PBS News Weekend	01/20/2024 05:00:00 PM	More than 7.5 million American students have disabilities that qualify them for individual education plans. But teachers trained in this critical area are in short supply. Special education teachers and administrators share how the shortage is affecting them, and John Yang speaks with Kimber Wilkerson, professor of special education at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, to learn more.
Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters	Nature	01/03/2024 04:00:00 PM	A unique celebration of one of Earth's most iconic and beloved birds, featuring all 18 species of penguins for the first time, from New Zealand, Cape Town, the Galapagos Islands and Antarctica. Witness the perils penguins face for survival, from rock climbing to extreme temperatures to predators. Meet the penguins that seem out of place, making their living in dense forests, desert islands and even city streets. Watch how these creatures parent and form lifelong bonds. Discover how scientists identified 37 new colonies of Emperor penguins in Antarctica without even traveling to the continent. Experience penguins' heart-warming family dynamics, like chicks bonding with their fathers, alongside astonishing adaptations and behaviors unique to these aquatic birds.
Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters	NOVA	01/31/2024 09:00:00 PM	A spectacular fossil graveyard reveals a 43-million-year-old whale that had four legs and could walk. Follow scientists as they search for new clues to how mammals moved from land into the sea to become the largest animals on Earth.

Health/Health Care	PBS NewsHour	01/16/2024 06:00:00 PM	Mental health among the nation's student population has been a growing concern, especially due to the pandemic. From PBS Wisconsin, Steven Potter reports on how peer support, school staff and psychology researchers are trying to keep up with the growing rate of mental health issues among students. It's part of our series, Early Warnings: America's Youth Mental Health Crisis.
Immigration/Refugees	Amanpour and Company	01/10/2024 11:00:00 PM	2023 saw a record number of migrants crossing the Atlantic to the Spanish Canary Islands, with many lives lost at sea, European governments are responding to the flood tide of migrants with harsh crackdowns. But rarely do we hear from the people making these treacherous journeys. Italian film director Matteo Garrone plans to present their side of the story through his new film "Io Capitano."
Media	PBS NewsHour	01/24/2024 06:00:00 PM	In our news wrap Wednesday, Moscow accused Ukrainian forces of shooting down a Russian military transport plane killing 74 people, a state trooper in Minnesota was charged with second-degree murder in the death of a Black motorist, Israeli forces and Hamas militants battled outside the main hospital in Khan Younis and Ohio will be the 23rd state to ban gender-affirming care for those under age 18.
Minorities/Civil Rights	PBS News Weekend	01/21/2024 05:00:00 PM	Uganda's constitutional court is expected to rule soon on a law that threatens fines, life imprisonment and even death for being gay. Ugandan civil rights groups challenged the Anti-Homosexuality Act in December amid international pressure to repeal the law. Ali Rogin speaks with two Ugandan LGBTQ+ activists for more.
Minorities/Civil Rights	PBS NewsHour	01/24/2024 06:00:00 PM	Crownsville Hospital in Maryland was one of the last segregated mental asylums in the country. Thousands of Black patients came through the overcrowded, understaffed hospital and many died there. NBC News correspondent Antonia Hylton began looking into the facility a decade ago and wrote the book, "Madness: Race and Insanity in a Jim Crow Asylum." She joined Amna Nawaz to discuss Crownsville.
National Politics/Government	Washington Week with The Atlantic	01/05/2024 08:00:00 PM	It's the third anniversary of Jan. 6 and just over 300 days until the election. The leading Republican is the man who many believe inspired the insurrection and President Biden is sagging in popularity. Join moderator Jeffrey Goldberg, Peter Baker of The New York Times, Laura Barrón-López of PBS NewsHour, Josh Dawsey of The Washington Post and Jerusalem Demsas of The Atlantic to discuss more.
National Politics/Government	The Iowa Caucus - A PBS News Special Report	01/15/2024 11:00:00 PM	Co-anchored by Amna Nawaz and Geoff Bennett from the nation's capital, coverage will include reporting from NewsHour's Capitol Hill correspondent Lisa Desjardins, and journalists on the ground in Iowa. Analysis will be provided by a group of panelists in studio, including New York Times opinion columnist David Brooks and Amy Walter, editor-in-chief of the Cook Political Report with Amy Walter.
National Politics/Government	Firing Line with Margaret Hoover	01/19/2024 08:30:00 PM	New Hampshire GOP Gov. Chris Sununu explains why he supports Nikki Haley for president in the lead-up to the crucial first 2024 primary in his state. He discusses her chances against Trump, his stance on a Trump-Biden rematch, and the GOP's future.
National Politics/Government	Amanpour and Company	01/22/2024 11:00:00 PM	Former President Trump continues to ricochet between the courthouse and the campaign trail. This morning, he was back to face a trial for his statements about former columnist E. Jean Carroll's sexual assault allegations in 2019. Conservative lawyer George Conway joins Michel Martin with incisive analysis of Trump's legal woes and how they are shaping his campaign.
National Politics/Government	FRONTLINE	01/30/2024 09:00:00 PM	The roots of the criminal cases against former President Trump stemming from his 2020 election loss. Amid the presidential race, examining the House Jan. 6 committee's evidence, the threat to democracy and the historic charges against Trump.
Science/Technology	NOVA	01/03/2024 05:00:00 PM	Wielding chainsaws to extract fossils frozen into the permafrost and flying drones to map thousands of footprints, intrepid paleontologists discover that dinosaurs thrived in the unlikely of places -- the cold and dark of the Arctic Circle.
War/Veterans/National Security	PBS NewsHour	01/10/2024 06:00:00 PM	The U.N. Security Council demanded that Houthi rebels in Yemen stop attacking international ships in the Red Sea. The U.S. military says there have been more than two dozen attacks in the last seven weeks. The most serious attack was Tuesday when Houthis fired more than 20 drones and missiles at U.S. and allied warships. Nick Schifrin reports on the escalation and U.S. options.

Agriculture	PBS News Weekend	02/04/2024 05:00:00 PM	From quiet fields to busy city streets, farmers around the world have launched protests in recent weeks, demanding relief from what they say is a crisis driven by climate change policies, red tape and crop prices. Ali Rogin reports.
Alcohol, Drug Abuse/Addiction	PBS NewsHour	02/13/2024 06:00:00 PM	The Food and Drug Administration has issued warnings about a potentially addictive dietary supplement that's widely available in the U.S. "Neptune's Fix" is often sold as a supplement and features an ingredient called tianeptine, popularly known as "gas-station heroin." Ali Rogin reports.
Arts	American Masters	02/02/2024 09:00:00 PM	Experience the meteoric rise and enduring legacy of Little Richard. This portrait of the "King and Queen of Rock and Roll" explores his far-reaching influence as well as his advocacy for the rights of Black artists in the music industry.
Business/Industry	Firing Line with Margaret Hoover	02/09/2024 08:30:00 PM	Entrepreneur and philanthropist Sheila Johnson, the co-founder of BET who now owns sports teams and luxury hotels, discusses her memoir "Walk Through Fire" on how she overcame adversity to become America's first Black female billionaire.
Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement	PBS NewsHour	02/15/2024 06:00:00 PM	A judge in New York City ruled Donald Trump will go on trial to face felony charges he falsified business records to cover up a sex scandal to protect his presidential campaign. The judge rejected Trump's motions to dismiss or delay the case and told lawyers to prepare for trial starting March 25. The former president criticized the case as politically motivated. William Brangham reports.
Culture	Gospel	02/12/2024 09:00:00 PM	GOSPEL's hour 1 takes viewers north to Chicago, where southern migrants Thomas A. Dorsey, Mahalia Jackson and Sister Rosetta Tharpe fused blues and jazz with testimonies of God's goodness to create a genre enduring for generations.
Employment	PBS NewsHour	02/02/2024 06:00:00 PM	The labor market was running hot again last month as U.S. employers added 353,000 jobs, double what many expected. It's been resilient for months despite predictions of a recession last year. At the same time, the Federal Reserve indicated it's too soon to start lowering interest rates. Amna Nawaz discussed the latest with Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago President Austin Goolsbee.
Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters	NOVA	02/28/2024 09:00:00 PM	If oceans continue to warm at the current pace, coral reefs could be wiped out by the end of the century. But scientists from around the globe are rushing to help corals adapt to a changing climate through assisted evolution.
Family/Marriage	Finding Your Roots	02/13/2024 08:00:00 PM	Henry Louis Gates, Jr. helps musician Dionne Warwick & actor Danielle Brooks break down barriers imposed by the slave system to learn the names of their ancestors who endured unimaginable ordeals—but emerged to forge families that thrived.
Housing, Shelter	PBS NewsHour	02/08/2024 06:00:00 PM	Rental prices are unaffordable for a record number of Americans with half of all renters paying more than 30 percent of their income on rent and utilities, according to Harvard's Joint Center for Housing Studies. Stephanie Sy reached out to renters across the country to hear how these soaring prices are impacting their lives and discussed their issues with Whitney Airgood-Obrycki.
Immigration/Refugees	PBS NewsHour	02/29/2024 06:00:00 PM	Almost the entire population of Gaza needs aid, but only a fraction of what's needed is entering the besieged strip. For more on the current humanitarian crisis there, Geoff Bennett spoke with Jeremy Konyndyk. He's the president of Refugees International, a global humanitarian organization, and previously served in the Biden and Obama administrations.
National Politics/Government	Washington Week with The Atlantic	02/09/2024 08:00:00 PM	Donald Trump cements his status as the leader of the Republican Party after his Senate allies tank the bipartisan border deal and a Justice Department report raises questions about Biden's memory and age. Join moderator Jeffrey Goldberg, James Bennet of The Economist, John Dickerson of CBS News, Josh Gerstein of Politico and Amna Nawaz of PBS NewsHour to discuss this and more.
Religion/Ethics	PBS NewsHour	02/01/2024 06:00:00 PM	White Christian nationalism has been in the headlines quite a lot as of late. Brad Onishi is a former evangelical minister who once identified as a Christian nationalist himself. He left the church in 2005 and began studying religion and extremism. Laura Barron-Lopez spoke with Onishi to better understand the concept and its reach in American society and politics.

War/Veterans/National Security	PBS NewsHour	02/09/2024 06:00:00 PM	Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu ordered the Israeli military to develop plans to evacuate Rafah, the southernmost city in Gaza. Its population before Oct. 7 was 100,000. Now, more than half of Gaza's 2.3 million people have fled to the city. At the same time, there is progress on talks that would pause the fighting. Nick Schifrin reports.
War/Veterans/National Security	PBS News Weekend	02/11/2024 05:00:00 PM	Two years ago today, Russia launched its full-scale invasion of Ukraine. Every day since then, an average of 42 Ukrainian civilians have been killed and wounded. More than 14 million people are in need of humanitarian aid and about 4 million have been displaced within Ukraine, with more than 6 million living as refugees around the world. Nick Schifrin joins John Yang to discuss his reporting.
War/Veterans/National Security	Firing Line with Margaret Hoover	02/23/2024 08:30:00 PM	Actor Liev Schreiber, co-founder of BlueCheck Ukraine, discusses the need for humanitarian aid and international support to Ukraine. He weighs in on Zelensky's leadership and explains why he thinks Russia will lose and why Americans should care.
Women	PBS NewsHour	02/21/2024 06:00:00 PM	A decision from the Alabama Supreme Court has alarmed doctors, patients and reproductive rights advocates. The court ruled that frozen embryos, created through in vitro fertilization, are legally children and thus protected. The designation of personhood could have significant repercussions for reproductive rights. Stephanie Sy discussed the questions raised by this ruling with Mary Ziegler.
Alcohol, Drug Abuse/Addiction	PBS NewsHour	03/05/2024 06:00:00 PM	Alcohol is one of the most commonly used drugs in America, and it is also one of the deadliest, with more and more people losing their lives to alcohol-related causes over the last two decades. A new report reveals how the problem has become more acute in recent years. Keith Humphreys, a professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at Stanford University, joins William Brangham to discuss.
Culture	To the Contrary with Bonnie Erbe	03/01/2024 04:30:00 PM	Bonnie Erbé interviews Maryam Keshavarz, the director of the new film, The Persian Version. The semi-autobiographical movie follows the story of an Iranian-American woman straddling both cultures' equal yet disparate influences. It won two awards at the Sundance Film Festival.
Culture	Dante: Inferno to Paradise	03/18/2024 08:00:00 PM	Dive into the dramatic details of Dante's early years and his decision to begin The Divine Comedy in 1306. Join Dante and the great Roman poet Virgil as they delve into the depths of the underworld and encounter Lucifer himself.
Economy	PBS NewsHour	03/11/2024 06:00:00 PM	Amid many of the debates around entitlements and benefits, one thing is often lost to the public: Many people who qualify for help struggle to get and keep their benefits because it can be difficult to navigate the system. Economics correspondent Paul Solman looks at the challenge as part of our special series, America's Safety Net.
Energy	Amanpour and Company	03/21/2024 11:00:00 PM	The Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency discusses ongoing safety issues at the Russian-occupied Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant in Ukraine. Rafael Grossi met with Putin earlier this month and is now in Brussels, where leaders gathered for the first-ever nuclear energy summit, and stressed the importance of the summit in the face of "undeniable tensions" around the globe.
Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters	Nature	03/06/2024 08:00:00 PM	Learn surprising facts about the sharks that call the warm waters near Hawaii's islands their home. Meet the White Tip Reef shark, Whale shark, Tiger shark and more.
Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters	NOVA	03/06/2024 09:00:00 PM	Investigate the hidden scientific secrets of butterflies that reveal them as more inventive and resilient than we imagined, and explore how they're inspiring cutting-edge technical innovations.
Health/Health Care	American Experience	03/26/2024 09:00:00 PM	Three heroes and their dramatic journeys in the fight against cervical cancer.
Health/Health Care	The Invisible Shield	03/26/2024 10:00:00 PM	Discover how public health has doubled life expectancy, but the system is now in jeopardy. When the world has to cope with the COVID-19 pandemic, the public health sector revisits the past to create solutions.

