

TELEVISION QUARTERLY ISSUES-PROGRAMS REPORT

Station: WFGX
Location: Fort Walton Beach, FL
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1. Channel 3 News Weather Special Report on WFGX	04/03/17	10:00AM/24 minutes	News	*
* Our Weather department had been tracking local severe weather all morning, and had already cut-in to regular programming with Severe Thunderstorm warnings, now cut-in again with a Tornado Warning, tracking a radar-predicted tornado and warning viewers in the path of the storm until the tornado had dissipated.				
2. Channel 3 News at 9PM On WFGX	05/10/17	09:00PM/2 minutes	News	**
** A rise in distracted driving related traffic crashes has forced the Walton County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) to take action. The WCSO announced it will be conducting an aggressive driving campaign running from May 16 through June 8. Over the last 30 days, the WCSO has seen a spike in crashes reportedly caused by distracted driving and the influx of visitors in the area. The WCSO reportedly plans to use marked and unmarked patrol cars to enforce a number of violations, including speeding, reckless driving and careless driving. Texting and driving, running red lights and following too closely will also be enforced. The WCSO said there will be zero tolerance for these violations. "The purpose of this campaign is to ensure the safety of both our visitors and citizens of our county," said Sheriff Michael Adkinson.				
3. Channel 3 News at 9PM On WFGX	05/12/17	09:00PM/1-minute	News	***
*** We reported on a local non-profit that is helping kids be smarter and safer around water. Water and Youth Safety, or WAYS Pensacola, teaches second graders how to prevent drownings with classroom and pool sessions. They reach more than 800 students a year and are hoping to serve more kids.				
4. Channel 3 News at 9PM On WFGX	05/15/17	09:00PM/2.5 minutes	News	****

**** A shopping center in Crestview is sweeping up shards of glass after a series of break-ins Sunday morning. Crestview Police Sgt. Ray Harp, who investigated the odd number of thefts in the same shopping area, said it should be a lesson for all business owners big and small. He recommended all businesses have relatively low-cost video surveillance installed.

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5. Channel 3 News at 9PM On WFGX	05/15/17	09:00PM/2.5 minutes	News	*****

***** The cyberattack that hit companies and governments around the world has slowed, but experts warn a new version of the virus could emerge. On Friday, the so-called "WannaCry" virus struck 200,000 victims in more than 150 countries. Director of the Center for Cybersecurity at University West Florida, Eman El-Sheikh, said cyber-attacks disrupt organizations and disrupt people lives, which is why being preventive is key. Experts say the most powerful defense against cyberattacks is education - the more people know about it the more they can do to protect themselves. Cybersecurity experts say to keep your computers safe, update your software frequently and use best protection practices for your computers.

6. Channel 3 News at 9PM On WFGX	05/15/17	09:00PM/2 minutes	News	*****
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***** Social media is driving more and more people to join neighborhood watch groups online. They've become a popular way to keep neighbors safe and informed. Jacqueline Rogers manages the Escambia Citizens Watch (ECW) Facebook group. She felt there was no platform for residents to share their opinions outside of the allotted time at county meetings. Rogers said ECW serves as a digital town hall where issues can be addressed, and she encourages others to become active in this digital neighborhood watch era.

7. Channel 3 News at 9PM On WFGX	05/16/17	09:00PM/3 minutes	News	*****
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***** Sgt. Jonathan Thacker with the Pensacola Police Department Criminal Investigations Unit said Pensacola police work more than 200 break-ins each year. Sgt. Thacker said the front door is one of the easiest ways for a thief to get inside your home. Experts say the inexpensive solution is just a dollar and should take just a few minutes to install. For the past 30 years James Senarosa has been working in construction. He says the \$1 fix will make your home safer. "When you can take out the half-inch screws that are in the latch plate and put in a three-inch screw then what you are doing is securing the latch plate to the framing of the house as opposed to the door frame itself, so that adds a lot of security," explained Senarosa. Police say it's often basic precautions that can best deter would-be burglars.

8. Channel 3 News at 9PM On WFGX	05/18/17	09:00PM/3.5 minutes	News	*****
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***** The acronym **FAST** is often used to detect a stroke. If you notice **F** - facial drooping, **A** - arm weakness or **S** - slurred speech, then it's **T** - time to call 911. Recently however, medical professionals have tweaked the acronym. It's now BE FAST. the **B** stands for balance; if someone can't stand without swaying or falling, there is something wrong. The **E** is for eyes; sudden onset of blurriness or loss of vision in one, or both eyes, is also cause for concern. Vikki Smolik, stroke coordinator at Baptist Health Care said so far, the new acronym has proved successful. "Before adding B and E to the acronym, there were about 15 percent of strokes that were missed, or people weren't taking those signs and symptoms as being a stroke," said Vikki. "After adding the B and the E, only 5 percent of the population were missing that opportunity to be treated as a medical emergency." The sooner a stroke is diagnosed; the faster treatment can be administered. Oftentimes, with strokes, minutes can mean the difference between life and death. Baptist Health Care is hosting a stroke symposium Friday, May 19, from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. It's open to health care professionals and the public.

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9. Channel 3 News at 9PM On WFGX	05/21/17	09:00PM/1.5 minutes	News	*****

***** Red flags were flying on Pensacola Beach Sunday afternoon, but less lifeguards were out compared to the same time last year. Public Safety Director Dave Greenwood is trying to ramp that number up, especially for Memorial Day weekend. "This year's team will boost our numbers up to our target goal of having 70 team members and that is what we will do when we train the people who took the test last weekend," added Greenwood. He said once training is complete it will boost their number from 58 to 70 lifeguards.

10. Stormwatch 2017	06/04/17	03:00PM/30 min.	Public Affairs	*10
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*10 Again this year, WEAR produced and WFGX aired our annual local hurricane preparedness and safety program. The program was hosted by our Chief Meteorologist Allen Strum, with reports from our Meteorologists Kathryn Daniel, Meg McNamara and Ashley Ruiz. The program provided viewers with information on what to do before, during, and after a hurricane or tropical storm makes landfall in our area.

11. Channel 3 News at 9PM On WFGX	06/13/17	09:00PM/1minute	News	*11
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*11 WEAR-TV and WFGX-TV will be hosting a roundtable called Your Voice, Your Future - "Sex Trafficking in Florida". Florida ranks third in the nation for trafficking. The purpose of this roundtable discussion is to take a deep dive into the modern-day slavery of sex trafficking. Our goal is to provide a better understanding of the issue by presenting real cases and statistics from Florida. We will also showcase how vulnerable certain areas in Florida are and provide parents a look inside the tricks, schemes and lies used to lure children as young as 12 into the trade. Our roundtable-style discussion will air live on June 27th on weartv.com and WFGX from 7-8 PM and will not include an audience. We invite the community to join in by sending video questions to us now via See It, Shoot It, Send It on our mobile app. You can also upload the messages by texting "weartv" to 95577. We will also be taking your questions, concerns and comments during our live broadcast.

12. Channel 3 News at 9PM On WFGX	06/15/17	09:00PM/1.5 minutes	News	*12
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*12 Kitchen fires kill more than 400 people in the United States every year and damage thousands of homes. More than half the fires reported in Escambia County start in the kitchen. We reported that the Escambia County Fire Rescue wants to show residents the dangers and how to stay safe. They're hosting a kitchen fire demonstration on June 30th at 11:00 a.m. at Station 16 on North Navy Boulevard.

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13. Channel 3 News at 9PM On WFGX	06/15/17	09:00PM/2.5 minutes	News	*13

*13 The Naomi Jones murder and the search for an absconded predator have raised awareness for children's safety, especially with schools out for the summer. School is out, and we profiled the Destin Community Center, which fills every day of the week with kids enjoying their summer break. It is a safe place by design. "There's always somebody at different locations keeping an eye on the kids, making sure if we see something strange going on, we definitely go ahead and report it," said Beatriz Miller, the manager of youth programs at the center. The community center's camps keep kids off the street and in a controlled environment.

14. Channel 3 News at 9PM On WFGX	06/16/17	09:00PM/1 minute	News	*14
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*14 In 2018, Pensacola will be the new home port of a pair of 210-foot medium endurance cutters. The crews of the Coast Guard Cutter Decisive and the Coast Guard Cutter Dauntless will make Pensacola their new home no later than August 31, 2018. Each cutter boasts a crew of 76 Coast Guard members used to conduct a variety of missions, including counter drug enforcement, alien migration interdiction operations, search and rescue and much more. The cutters' new base will be Naval Air Station Pensacola, the base that Coast Guard Cutter Cypress, a 225-foot Seagoing Buoy Tender, already calls home. "This is incredible news for Pensacola and for all Northwest Floridians," said Florida Congressman Matt Gaetz. "Not only is Northwest Florida gaining 152 new families, but the safety and security of the Emerald Coast and the Eastern Gulf of Mexico is significantly enhanced."

15. Channel 3 News at 9PM On WFGX	06/19/17	09:00PM/2.5 minutes	News	*15
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*15 Northwest Florida is expected to receive heavy rains Tuesday morning through Thursday from the approaching tropical system. Santa Rosa County officials say there is the potential for more than 10 inches of rain in some areas - many of which are already well-saturated. Local rivers are currently running above level, increasing the potential for minor to moderate flooding. If you live in an area prone to flooding you need to pay special attention and make preparations now, said Santa Rosa County spokesperson Brandi Whitehurst. The county's public works department will have sand available on a first-come, first-serve basis at several locations, which we identified, for filling sandbags. According to Santa Rosa County officials, while sandbags can help mitigate to an extent, buying flood insurance is your best protection against flood loss, however flood insurance requires a 30-day waiting period.

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16. Channel 3 News at 9PM On WFGX	06/19/17	09:00PM/2 minutes	News	*16
*16 Tempers flared Monday morning as several Pace residents told county commissioners they were fed up with a drainage problem that floods the neighborhood each time it rains. "We are not protected and it's not our groundwater that is flooding us, it's yours," said Pace resident Deborah Bankus. Earlier this month Santa Rosa County received nearly 12 inches of rain. In heavy rains, water overflowed from ditches and flooded into more than 20 yards. The flooding closed roads, bridges and left neighborhoods in Santa Rosa County like Sheridan Drive with rushing water for hours. In the lowest sections like Sheridan Drive residents say water even got inside homes. Santa Rosa County Commissioner Sam Parker said one solution to the flooding problem is purchasing properties in some of the flooded areas, but that will take time and money.				
17. Channel 3 News Weather Special Report – Tropical Storm Cindy	06/21/17	06:12AM/7 minutes	News	*17
*17 Our Weather department had been covering the advance of Tropical Storm Cindy from formation as a tropical area of interest, to low pressure system, and finally to tropical storm status in the mid-Gulf of Mexico Tuesday morning. T.S. Cindy headed for Texas near Galveston, but most of the rain was far to the east. We aired weather cut-ins for tornado warnings in Okaloosa County in the morning. At 2:18PM, we cut into regular programming for a tornado warning, with tornadoes in Pensacola and Baldwin county, with sustaining coverage until the tornadoes had dissipated and the warnings dropped at 4:46PM. Later, we cut into prime time programming from 8-8:08PM for a Tornado Watch notice. Our 9PM newscast on WFGX provided full coverage of the day's events, including damages to our area; and at 9:22PM we cut in again until 9:30PM with a tornado warning for the Okaloosa County area.				
18. Channel 3 News at 9PM On WFGX	06/21/17	09:00PM/2 minutes	News	*18
*18 For a lot of people in our area Tropical Storm Cindy has been a little like a training session for a worse disaster. Local firefighters turned all this dreary weather into a learning opportunity. They say this is a good opportunity to make sure people are prepared for the storm, such as having at least three days' worth of food in case of an emergency. Emergency crews are taking the time to remind drivers not to drive through water-covered street because it may not be clear how deep the water is.				
19. TownHall: Your Voice, Your Future	06/27/17	07:00PM/1 hour	Public Affairs	*19
*19 WEAR-TV produce and WFGX aired a roundtable on "Sex Trafficking in Florida". Florida ranks third in the nation for trafficking. The purpose of this roundtable discussion was to take a deep dive into the modern-day slavery of sex trafficking. Our goal was to provide a better understanding of the issue by presenting real cases and statistics from Florida. We also showcased how vulnerable certain areas in Florida are and provided parents a look inside the tricks, schemes and lies used to lure children as young as 12 into the trade. We took questions, concerns and comments from local viewers during this live broadcast.				

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20. Channel 3 News at 9PM On WFGX	06/28/17	09:00PM/1.5 minutes	News	*20

*20 Tropical Storm Cindy was a reminder that we are in hurricane season. Preparedness is always the mission of BRACE, also known as the Be Ready Alliance Coordination for Emergencies. On Wednesday BRACE held their annual meeting at Sanders Beach. They provided disaster guide pamphlets to those attending the event. Director of the Florida Division of Emergency Management Bryan Koon reminded our area the people, states and communities need to be ready to fend for themselves when disaster strikes. He said there's also an urgent need for volunteers to serve during a disaster in Escambia, Santa Rosa and Okaloosa counties.

21. Channel 3 News at 9PM On WFGX	06/28/17	09:00PM/2.5 minutes	News	*21
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*21 In last night's roundtable discussion on human trafficking, we found out the internet is the number one way predators are going after our children. Each year in Florida there are 1,623 calls and 550 cases reported - in our area, 15 cases in Escambia County, six in Santa Rosa and eight in Okaloosa. Sixty-three percent of child survivors were advertised online and 25 million child sex abuse images are reviewed annually. Nationally thousands of children go missing every day. Brad Dennis with KlaasKids said, "We suffer from 2,200 are reported missing every single day." Authorities say predators find them through the internet. John Canning with the FBI said, " There's a whole host of new apps being developed that we just don't know about because we don't have the time." It's a race and parents unfortunately will often be a few steps behind, but there are ways to make sure your child is safe on the internet. Adopt an open door policy in your home. Also, monitor their phone and computer use and talk to them about it. Most importantly, if something feels off with your child, follow your gut instincts.