

TELEVISION QUARTERLY ISSUES-PROGRAMS REPORT

Station: WFGX-TV
Location: Fort Walton Beach, FL
Quarter ending: December 31, 2008

ISSUE/description: 6. ENVIRONMENT. Maintaining the quality of life desired within our community; protecting wildlife and their natural habitat; maintaining the proper balance between development and protection of resources.

How Issue was treated (Program, PSA, etc.):

<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time/Duration</u>	<u>Program type</u>	<u>Description</u>
1. Channel 3 News at 10PM (simulcast on WFGX)	10/03/08	10:01PM/2 minutes	News	*
* Erin Ovalle reported on the debate concerning offshore drilling in waters near Florida's coastline. Dr. Enid Sisskin with the Gulf Coast Environmental Defense spoke on behalf of those opposed, saying there's a lot of risk to our environment, and to our economy that depends on tourists attracted to our beaches. David Mica, Executive Director of the Florida Petroleum Council said that with the increased pressure on our economy, any amount of oil or gas from offshore drilling would decrease our reliance on imported oil. He said the Destin Dome, just 30 miles south of the Panhandle, contains enough natural gas to heat and cool a city the size of Tallahassee for more than 140 years.				
2. Channel 3 News at 10PM (simulcast on WFGX)	10/22/08	10:42PM/2 minutes	News	**
** We reported on a rare species that is at the heart of debate over the construction of a bypass for Northwest Florida. Last night people had the chance to learn more about the Flatwood Salamander and why it is in jeopardy. U.S. Fish and Wildlife officials held a public forum at Pensacola Junior College to discuss the issue with the public and explain why the agency is pushing for the species to be listed as endangered.				
3. Channel 3 News at 10PM (simulcast on WFGX)	10/24/08	10:03PM/1 minute	News	***
*** In a report describing in detail the various amendments to the Florida constitution on the ballot next month, we noted that amendment three is intended to give a tax break to homeowners who want to harden their houses against storms, or make them more "green" by adding alternative energy devices. Also, amendment four would give a tax break to landowners who agree "not" to develop their property. Supporters say the goal is to slow development and protect the environment.				
4. Channel 3 News at 10PM (simulcast on WFGX)	11/10/08	10:39PM/2 minutes	News	****
**** We reported that members of the Perdido Bay Tribe of Creek Indians spent a day at The Zoo of Northwest Florida yesterday with their interactive exhibit that highlights the importance of caring for both the animals and the land.				

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5. Channel 3 News at 10PM (simulcast on WFGX)	12/04/08	10:38PM/3 minutes	News	*****
***** Dan Thomas reported from Navarre Beach that the green energy trend could be coming to the shores of Santa Rosa County. Next week, Gulf Power will ask the county commission for permission to put up a tower on Navarre Beach to take wind measurements, and the data obtained could lead to the construction of windmills there to provide electricity to local communities.				
6. Channel 3 News at 10PM (simulcast on WFGX)	12/10/08	10:07PM/2 minutes	News	*****
***** We reported on the improvements made by Archer Western Construction to reduce the red clay runoff along the I-110 construction site. Last year, severe runoff problems cause the local watchdog environmental group, Gulf Coast Keepers, to threaten to sue the construction company. That resulted in the increased efforts to control the runoff.				
7. Channel 3 News at 10PM (simulcast on WFGX)	12/12/08	10:04PM/2 minutes	News	*****
***** We reported that the green energy trend is one step closer to becoming a reality in Santa Rosa County. Today, county commissioners unanimously approved a partnership with Gulf Power to construct a 196-foot tower on Navarre Beach to take wind measurements during a 1-year study to determine the feasibility of using windmills to generate electricity for the local area. Construction will begin in January.				