

TELEVISION QUARTERLY ISSUES-PROGRAMS REPORT

Station: WFGX
Location: Fort Walton Beach, FL
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ISSUE/description: 3. HEALTH and HEALTHCARE. Planning, costs, special needs of the elderly and Handicapped, indigent care, mental health, medical trends and breakthroughs.

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. Dr. Oz	04/01/19	06:00AM/1 hour daily Monday through Friday UFN	Public Affairs	*

**** Dr. Mehmet Oz hosts this daily program that focuses on healthcare and wellness, with topics ranging from Alzheimer's Disease to drug addiction, healthy recipes and snacks, the Flu, natural laxatives, skin care, sleep habits, Turmeric to vitamins and many more health issues.

2. Channel 3 News at 9PM on WFGX	04/08/19	09:00PM/1-minute	News	**
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** Rolling Stones frontman Mick Jagger is on the mend after getting a heart valve replacement. The breakthrough procedure Jagger underwent is now available to patients in Pensacola. It's called a transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR). The minimally-invasive procedure uses a puncture rather than an incision to access the valve through the femoral artery. Dr. Chuck Wyatt with Sacred Heart says before, patients had a 50% chance of dying from aortic stenosis. With TAVR, they can be effectively cured. The procedure has a much shorter recovery time, from about three months to two weeks. Dr. Wyatt said within one to two years, most patients with aortic valve disease will be a candidate.

3. Full Measure with Sharyl Attkisson	04/28/19	12:30PM/4 minutes	Public Affairs	***
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*** Full Measure is a broadcast focusing on investigative, original and accountability reporting. This week, the opioid crisis is so bad, there's a whole cottage industry treating opioid addiction, and doctors everywhere are seeking alternatives to manage serious pain. We talked with a physical therapist who is healing pain without opioids, by attacking the source of the pain, rather than medicating it.

4. Channel 3 News at 9PM on WFGX	05/02/19	09:00PM/1-minute	News	****
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**** West Florida Hospital and Nemours Children's Specialty Clinic have partnered to bring a pediatric transport ambulance to Northwest Florida. The Pensacola Chamber of Commerce had a ribbon cutting ceremony with the new ambulance on Thursday. The pediatric transport ambulance will service children and families between Pensacola and Panama City. The ambulance will be a 24-7 transport unit, staffed with pediatric-trained respiratory therapists and neonatal and intensive care nurses. Dr. Mary Mehta, the Chief Medical Officer for Nemours Children's Specialty Care Medical Care Pensacola, says the ambulance will enhance the care provided at the West Florida Hospital.

"It allows us to confer or consult with the ER doctor and decide whether or not they are able to keep the patient close to their family. If they need urgent care, we are able to transport them in a family friendly ambulance that will get them to the urgent care that they need, says Mehta.

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5. Channel 3 News at 9PM on WFGX	05/13/19	09:00PM/3.1 minutes	News	*****

***** Florida is now one of nearly three-dozen states with legal medical marijuana. In March, Governor Ron DeSantis expanded that to include the smokable, flower form. We talked to one patient, Heather Allman, who said medical marijuana allowed her to start living again. In 2010, Allman was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. She was confined to her bed and wheelchair, taking 50 pills a day. Today, she can now walk, only takes five medications a day and has gotten off opioids. She said medical marijuana has been the difference. "When I started using medical cannabis, I just noticed this falling off of medications to where I was like I did not take that today and my hand is not shaking so my tremors have completely disappeared," said Allman. She is one of more than 215,000 qualified medical marijuana patients in the state, according to the Florida Department of Health. In 2016, medical marijuana was legalized in Florida. Doctor Michelle Beasley has been treating patients since then. She said until recently, the routes patients could get cannabis were limited. "What has been legal in Florida is oils," said Dr. Beasley. "So, whether it's an oil for oral consumption, oil for vaporization consumption or topical use - patches or lotions." Dr. Beasley said when patients smoke flower they get cannabis in its purest form with all its chemicals. She also said the flower form is more affordable than oil. "You're looking at least two to three times the expense and you know if someone's having to pay out of pocket. To me it's not that my patients are eager to smoke. It's that they're eager for something that makes the medicine affordable." Medical marijuana can legally treat a list of conditions and diseases including cancer, post-traumatic stress disorder, or multiple sclerosis. Allman said she had to pay about \$800 out of pocket for her medications each month. Now she spends about \$200 each month on medical cannabis, saving her money and improving her quality of life. Qualified patients are allowed to carry up to four ounces of cannabis. However, they aren't allowed to smoke in public.

6. Channel 3 News at 9PM on WFGX	05/14/19	09:00PM/3.2 minutes	News	*****
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***** Pensacola-based attorney Mike Papantonio is no stranger to drug companies and the courtroom; he's one of the most respected names in personal injury law in the country. Through his decades of experience, he's seen a lot of serious cases, many involving deadly drugs, but said none can compare to the opioid epidemic. He's taken tobacco companies to task, but said it pales in comparison to what's being seen with opioids. "It [tobacco] took 20 years, 30 years sometimes to kill you, this kills you tomorrow, this kills you today," Papantonio explained. He is now part of a legal team representing 900 county and city governments across the country going after a handful of big drug companies, for economic losses tied to opioid addictions. He believes blame is at the hands of the pharmaceutical companies and manufacturers. He believes some of them wrongly sold-off the drugs without fully explaining the dangers of the painkillers. Now he wants to hold them accountable and the best way to do that he said is to hit them in the wallet. "You have to take their money away and then hopefully what you do is give that money back to the people who have lost the money, which at this point all over the country are tax payers," Papantonio explained. He's part of a Netflix series called "The Devil As We Know It" and has written a fictional legal thriller "Law and Addiction" both focused on the opioid crisis. But he said at the end of the day it's not about book sales, settlements or even burden on the taxpayers, but the true cost of the crisis, which is the suffering felt by the addicts and their families. "It's destroying families. When I talk to you about dependency court, there's children every day being taken away from both parents because both parents are drug addicts," Papantonio said.

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7. Channel 3 News at 9PM on WFGX	06/06/19	09:00PM/1.6 minutes	News	*****

***** Santa Rosa Medical Center announced patients can start receiving medical services in Pace at their new hospital starting June 4. This will be the area's first freestanding emergency room hospital and it will operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Officials say the hospital will be equipped to treat patients with illnesses and injuries that require a higher level of care than urgent care facilities offer. The medical center will have eight private patient rooms with radiology and lab services on-site. Santa Rosa Medical Center's Chief Executive Officer Doug Sills said "We are committed to expanding access to emergency services to meet the needs of our rapidly growing community. Santa Rosa Medical Center's Emergency Room at Pace is conveniently located and will provide easy access, closer to home, for many in the area." The hospital is located at the corner of Highway 90 and Woodbine Road.

8. Channel 3 News at 9PM on WFGX	06/10/19	09:00PM/1-minute	News	*****
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***** Fort Walton Beach Medical Center (FWBMC) has a new tool for treating blood clots. The EkoSonic Endovascular System uses ultrasound in combination with a thrombolytic drug to break up clots and restore blood flow. An infusion catheter delivers the drug directly to the blood clot and the ultrasound energy helps spread it around. FWBMC said the addition of ultrasound breaks up the clot faster and shortens treatment time. The manufacturer, EKOS Corporation, said the system reduces the risk of bleeding and dissolves clots without damaging blood vessels.

9. Channel 3 News at 9PM on WFGX	06/18/19	09:00PM/30-seconds	News	*****
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***** The Florida Institute for Human and Machine Cognition (IHMC) and Andrews Research & Educations Foundation (AREF) have announced a partnership to conduct research projects together, to collaborate on human-performance research. "We're really fortunate to have two world leaders in human-performance right here in our community," said Ken Ford, co-founder and CEO of IHMC. "This partnership is going to leverage the work of both organizations for the benefit of sports medicine as well as programs geared toward improving the capabilities and resilience of astronauts, fighter pilots, divers and other elite members of our military." IHMC and AREF will share office and lab spaces at their Pensacola and Gulf Breeze facilities. The scientists and doctors will collaborate on research into area ranging from optimizing physical and cognitive performance to developing technologies aimed at helping high-performing humans like professional athletes, astronauts and fighter pilots. They'll work together to study ways to help human movement, vision and reaction in extreme environments. Immediate plans include IHMC and AREF personnel working together on current ongoing research projects as well as developing proposals for future projects and grants.