

TELEVISION QUARTERLY ISSUES-PROGRAMS REPORT

Station: WFGX-TV
Location: Fort Walton Beach, FL
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ISSUE/description: 4. 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. Channel 3 News at 9PM on WFGX	04/09/18	09:00PM/1minute	News	*
* We reported that Pensacola residents now have a good reason to stay in shape. The city announced new fitness courts are coming to three locations in the city. They'll be at Community Maritime Park, Bayview Park, and Legion Field. Fitness courts are free outdoor bodyweight circuit training fitness centers. The goal is to promote community wellness. An event showcasing the new equipment will be held April 27th at Community Maritime Park.				
2. Channel 3 News at 9PM on WFGX	04/10/18	09:00PM/3 minutes	News	**
** Free health screenings and services will be offered this Saturday at the Brownsville Community Center. Doctors, nurses, and clinical assistants will be at the free event to cover all of the health bases, from diabetes, cholesterol, and more. There will also be vision and dental screenings. We interviewed Arelia Laster, one of the organizers of the event. Adults and children will be treated at the event. There will be specialists to help parents with issues like pediatric asthma and obesity. There is no financial requirement and insurance is not required. Other nonprofit agencies will also be at the event to help those in need, including the Waterfront Rescue Mission and United Way.				
3. Channel 3 News at 9PM on WFGX	04/18/18	09:00PM/2 minutes	News	***
*** In our Consumer Reports segment, we reported that Americans spend more money on drugs than people in any other country. A recent Consumer Reports survey of people who take prescription medications found that high drug costs are forcing some of them to cut back on groceries, delay their retirement, or even take a second job. Consumer Reports revealed simple ways to save on the drugs you need.				
4. Channel 3 News at 9PM on WFGX	04/25/18	09:00PM/1.5 minutes	News	****
**** About 65,000 people will be diagnosed with head, neck and throat cancers this year. In recognition of Oral Cancer Awareness Month, the Baptist Cancer Institute will provide free head and neck cancer screenings for the public on Thursday, April 26. Dr. Hilliary White of Baptist Health Care explained how the brief screening works. Dr. White said the screenings are important because often by the time people notice symptoms on their own, the cancer has gotten a head start.				

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5. Channel 3 News at 9PM on WFGX	04/26/18	09:00PM/5 minutes	News	*****
***** Jeaniene Church is your textbook grandmother. But now, at 59-years-old, Church is raising kids all over again. She told us her eldest son became addicted to prescribed opioids given to him in high school after a diving accident. For 20 years, his battle with addiction has hurt the family. Church had to put retirement aside and raise his two sons as her own. Grandparents are raising their grandchildren more than ever before and experts believe the opioid crisis is to blame. In Florida, nearly 160,000 grandparents are responsible for their grandchildren. According to Generations United, in the United States, for every one child in foster care there are 20 children being raised by relatives. There are even support groups for grandparents to connect with other grandparents in the same position. Church met Belinda Howard, who lives in Fort Walton Beach, through a Facebook group for grandparents raising grandchildren because of addiction. Howard is raising one of her grandchildren while her daughter finishes a prison sentence. She and her husband, David, are still working to make ends meet. The Howards say there needs to be more resources for people in their position. According to Generations United, relatives that take in grandchildren save taxpayers \$4 billion each year by keeping them out of foster care. The Howards said that is money that could provide financial relief for grandfamilies or treatment for addicts. In the last five years, there have been more than 300 opioid-related overdose deaths in Northwest Florida. It hit a peak in 2015 and has been slowly declining the last two years. Church said addiction has redefined the traditional family. She went from mother, to grandmother and then back to mother again. Church just launched a Facebook group for grandparents raising their grandchildren in northwest Florida. She hopes to start support groups here locally.				
6. Channel 3 News at 9PM on WFGX	04/29/18	09:00PM/1-minute	News	*****
***** On Sunday, kids competed to see who could create the best healthy dish. Fourteen kids battled it out at Ever'man Cooperative Grocery & Cafe to see who is the best junior iron chef. The kids had an hour to grocery shop at the store, create a menu, and cook a healthy meal.				
7. Channel 3 News at 9PM on WFGX	04/30/18	09:00PM/3.5 minutes	News	*****
***** The opioid epidemic is killing more than 170 people every day in the United States, and there's no boundary or state line stopping it as it continues to increase in every region of the country. Recordings and documents show the alleged role big pharmaceutical companies may have played in the crisis. In a recent US Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee report, the allegations are eye-opening. Big pharmaceutical employees were allegedly caught on tape lying and putting lives at risk to sell highly addictive painkillers. INSYS is the company that makes the painkiller SUBSYS, a highly addictive fentanyl drug. It was created and approved for use for people suffering from stage four cancer. The Congressional report found an INSYS employee misled the insurance company to approve her prescription for the drug, and others are doing the same thing. A newly obtained Congressional report called "Fueling an Epidemic," has led to a nationwide crackdown on illegal prescriptions.				

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8. Channel 3 News at 9PM on WFGX	05/17/18	09:00PM/3 minutes	News	*****

***** Kratom is a plant-based supplement that some people call a natural painkiller. Others say it's a dangerous drug. Both sides agree: Kratom is powerful, and it doesn't show up on a routine drug screen. Right now, Kratom is banned in several states including Alabama. The FDA compares it to an opioid like substance, and they are pushing for a nationwide ban. Addiction professionals like Dustin Perry says more research is needed for doctors to determine if the herbal supplement is safe. We talked with locals who use Kratom in place of opioid paid pills and to get off street drugs. They report no health issues from using it. Last month, the F-D-A recalled some Kratom products after the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported a salmonella outbreak that sickened 132 people in 38 states including Florida. The federal ban would make Kratom a Schedule 1 controlled substance, meaning it would be illegal across the board, even for medicinal use.

9. The Right Side with Armstrong Williams	06/03/18	12:00PM/30 minutes	Public Affairs	*****
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***** This week's topic was "Antibiotic Resistance". We interviewed doctors and other healthcare specialists who blamed the rise of antibiotic resistant microbes on the over-prescription of antibiotics in cases where they aren't really needed.

10. The Right Side with Armstrong Williams	06/10/18	12:00PM/30 minutes	Public Affairs	*****
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***** This week's topic was "What is Medical Cannabis?" We talked about the use of the drug for treatment of many illnesses, the business side of growing and marketing it, and the status of Marijuana as an illegal substance under federal law.