

TELEVISION QUARTERLY ISSUES-PROGRAMS REPORT

Station: WFGX
Location: Fort Walton Beach, FL
Quarter ending: September 30, 2019

ISSUE/description: 4. 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. Full Measure with Sharyl Attkisson	07/07/19	12:30PM/10 minutes	Public Affairs	*

* Full Measure is a broadcast focusing on investigative, original and accountability reporting. The show format includes a major investigative piece each week on topics ranging from immigration issues at home and abroad, government waste, national security concerns and vulnerabilities, whistleblower reports on government abuse and misdeeds. This week, we looked at the Solar Mandate, with emphasis on the costs of forcing solar power as a replacement for coal and gas-powered electric generation.

2. Full Measure with Sharyl Attkisson	08/11/19	12:30PM/12 minutes	Public Affairs	**
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** This week, we looked at the Texas oil boom ... how it is creating jobs and making America safer, but also the environmental costs of adding even more carbon to our atmosphere.

3. Full Measure with Sharyl Attkisson	08/25/19	12:30PM/30 minutes	Public Affairs	***
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*** This week, we examined why Nuclear Power is being discontinued in the United States. We also checked out "The Big Dig", the largest environmental waste site in the U.S., and one of the most beautiful. It's a place where some say a long-awaited cleanup is finally headed in the right direction. And finally, after all the recent floods in the Midwest, we examined a new approach for paying for flood disasters.

4. Channel 3 News at 9PM on WFGX	09/02/19	09:00PM/1.2 minutes	News	****
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**** A health advisory has been issued for Quietwater Beach in response to a bacteriological sampling. On Friday, the Florida Department of Health – Escambia County issued the advisory. The beach is still open but is closed to swimming in the water. The sampling happened during water quality monitoring activities, and the level of bacteria has exceeded the level established by state guidelines. "Water samples gathered at these sites showed high-levels of enterococci bacteria, which are naturally present in the intestines of people and animals. Enterococci counts commonly spike after heavy rainfall washes fecal matter from wild animals into nearby water bodies," says Escambia CHD Director Dr. John Lanza. "We advise against engaging in water-related activities at these sites until further notice." The health department says they will continue to monitor the water quality in the area and advise the public of results. Health advisories remain in effect for Bayou Texar at Bayview Park, Bayou Grande at Navy Point, and Bayou Chico at Lakewood Park.

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5. Channel 3 News at 9PM on WFGX	09/05/19	09:00PM/1-minute	News	*****

***** WildFest 2019 will be happening in Pensacola Saturday. The annual event is put on by the Wildlife Sanctuary of Northwest Florida towards the end of summer. The festival serves two functions – it celebrates the end of the sanctuary’s busiest time of the year, and it acts as a supply drive for the animals. “WildFest is one of those occasions where we replenish supplies, but we also celebrate that summer is almost over because it’s our busiest season. So, it’s a time to do some fundraising, but mainly get out and meet and greet,” explained Sanctuary Director Dorothy Kaufman. The event goes from noon until 3:30 p.m. at the sanctuary on North S Street in Pensacola. They are asking for various types of food and cleaning supplies.

6. Channel 3 News at 9PM on WFGX	09/10/19	09:00PM/1-minute	News	*****
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***** The City of Fort Walton Beach is hoping to come to an agreement with the Emerald Coast Utilities Authority (ECUA) on recycling. The Solid Waste Division of the city has an existing agreement with the ECUA. They take the city’s recyclables to a facility in Escambia County to process the items. In May, the city council approved an updated agreement to change the fee structure, but the ECUA rejected it. A special meeting is now being held to discuss an amended agreement. Fort Walton Beach City Manager Michael Beedie says they have no intention from getting rid of the recycling program. “We just think that recycling is a great program. It was something that we started years ago curbside – little buckets and bins – but luckily three or four years ago we were able to roll out the curbside residential service to where we had separate cans and it’s all single-stream now,” explained Beedie. The current agreement in place ends at the end of September. The new one gives them another 18 months to see if things get better.

7. Channel 3 News at 9PM on WFGX	09/16/19	09:00PM/2.5 minutes	News	*****
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***** 15 years ago on September 16th, Hurricane Ivan made landfall on the Perdido Key, just west of Pensacola. Many woke up that morning to destruction and an unrecognizable Pensacola. The recovery effort following Ivan taught area residents how to plan for disaster, with valuable lessons on protecting our fragile environment.

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8. Channel 3 News at 9PM on WFGX	09/18/19	09:00PM/1.7 minutes	News	*****

***** Fishing, boating, swimming ... these are activities people enjoy on the Pensacola and Perdido Bays. This week marks National Estuary Week, a time to celebrate and protect estuaries in our community. "These are incredibly rich environmentally and economically and important areas not just here but across the country," said Jim Trifilio, Director of the Pensacola and Perdido Bays Estuary Program. The Program covers about 8,000 square miles and it's connected to rivers and streams that lead all the way up to Alabama. The Pensacola and Perdido Bay Estuary Program is currently working on putting together a comprehensive conservation management plan. In this plan they will identify how they can protect the waterways. "Whether it is underground storage tanks that might be leaking, septic tanks that might be faulty, storm water impacts to the estuary, dirt road impacts ... there is a whole host of things," Trifilio said. Trifilio said if nothing is done to protect the bays for future generation our local economy will take a hit. "If we have fish kills, if we have algae blooms that look like floating guacamole in all of our waters, we are not going to get many tourists to come here," Trifilio said. The program also wants to educate the community on how to protect the bays. "Just simple things, when you are changing the oil in your car don't pour the oil on the ground, try to minimize your use of plastics, all those things you probably heard of before just in your daily lives, they do make an impact," Trifilio said. The water quality in the Pensacola and Perdido Bay is not bad said Trifilio, that's why it's important to protect it now. "If we don't take the time to care about that, to do things proactively, to prevent some of these things like algae blooms and fish kills, once it's there its almost too late," Trifilio said.

9. Channel 3 News at 9PM on WFGX	09/23/19	09:00PM/1-minute	News	*****
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***** Florida Department of Health (FDOH) announced today they have canceled the health advisory for Casino Beach, but the Bayou Chico advisory will remain in effect. FDOH-Escambia says they conducted a bacteriological sampling which showed an adequate reduction in bacteria levels at Casino Beach. Casino Beach is located on the Gulf side near the Pensacola Beach pier. The health department says a health advisory remains in effect for Bayou Chico at Lakewood Park. FDOH-Escambia says they will continue to monitor the water quality levels in the area and update the public of the results.