

## TELEVISION QUARTERLY ISSUES-PROGRAMS REPORT

Station: WFGX-TV  
Location: Fort Walton Beach, FL  
Quarter ending: December 31, 2017

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. Channel 3 News at 9PM on WFGX	10/23/17	09:00PM/1minute	News	*
* We reported that several Chinese nurses are in Pensacola this week, joining the nursing team at Baptist Health Care through the International Academic Exchange Program, which offers the chance to work with nurses from other countries to learn new approaches to patient care. "There's a wonderful opportunity for us to share with them so they can learn best practices from us, and we have an opportunity to learn from them some things that they do for their patients and for their communities," explained Baptist Health Care Chief Nursing Officer Cynde Gamache. Through the week the group will tour Baptist facilities and collaborate with team members in several areas of care.				
2. Channel 3 News at 9PM on WFGX	10/25/17	09:00PM/2 minutes	News	**
** "Probiotics", beneficial bacteria that live in the gut, have become a new nutritional must-have. Whether they're a supplement in bottles or an ingredient in foods, they're being promoted for a wide range of benefits. Registered dietitian Titi Ayanwola recommends probiotics to a lot of her clients, to help balance good bacteria, especially when things like stress, bad diet, or antibiotics deplete the number of good bacteria in the gut. Ayanwola says probiotics are also showing promise in helping people with autoimmune disorders. As with any supplement, check with your doctor about whether it's right for you.				
3. The Right Side with Armstrong Williams	10/29/17	12:00PM/30 minutes	Public Affairs	***
*** This week's topic was America's Opioid Addiction. Dr. Devon Smith and Akili West discussed the crisis and possible solutions.				
4. Channel 3 News at 9PM on WFGX	11/09/17	09:00PM/1-minute	News	****

\*\*\*\* We reported on construction underway at West Florida Hospital to transform one of its building into a new children's care facility. Nemours Children's Specialty Care is moving its outpatient specialty care clinics to the West Florida's main campus in Pensacola. The facility will feature programs including pediatric orthopedics, diabetes education, cystic fibrosis treatment, accredited pediatric echocardiogram and fetal lab, and a certified oncology program.

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5. Channel 3 News at 9PM on WFGX	11/14/17	09:00PM/3 minutes	News	*****

\*\*\*\*\* Okaloosa County is ranked the worst in the 18-county Big Bend region of Florida in meeting the needs of the mentally ill. The Fort Walton Beach City Council and local members of the state legislature are supporting a bill that would provide \$2 million to create a state-run facility for drug-addicted or mentally ill people to avoid jail, detox, and get other treatment they need. The bill, as written, would, per City Manager Michael Beedie, reduce the strain on the jail by keeping frequent arrestees out of lockup, when they really need some sort of help, whether its meds or detox.

6. Channel 3 News at 9PM on WFGX	11/28/17	09:00PM/2.5 minutes	News	*****
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\*\*\*\*\* Friday is World AIDS Day, and the Florida Health Department will mark the occasion by offering free HIV testing. It's estimated there's more than 1,700 cases of HIV or AIDS in Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa and Walton counties. Escambia County ranks 16th out of 67 counties in the state with the highest number of cases. Debbie Cart, HIV and AIDS program coordinator for the Florida Health Department in Escambia County, said we definitely have an epidemic here locally, and you don't know if you have HIV unless you get tested. William Bedwell, director of HIV Evolution in Pensacola said his organization offers preventive measures year-round like condoms and free testing. There's also new medication available that prevents people from getting HIV. The use of Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP), and non-occupational post-exposure prophylaxis (nPEP) are being used to reduce the risk of contracting HIV.

7. Channel 3 News at 9PM on WFGX	12/04/17	09:00PM/1.5 minutes	News	*****
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\*\*\*\*\* Lines of people began forming around Pensacola High School early as 6:00 a.m. Saturday morning for an annual two-day free health care clinic. Doctors, dentists, and volunteers provided care to people with limited or no access to health care, with the primary focus on vision and dental services. Event organizer Joann Vanfleteren said during check-ups many people find out they have serious medical conditions. According to U.S. census data, more than 14 percent of people don't have health insurance coverage in Escambia County, and our poverty rate is higher than the national average.