

TELEVISION QUARTERLY ISSUES-PROGRAMS REPORT

Station: WFGX-TV
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ISSUE/description: 2. ELECTIONS & POLITICS. In this election year, the Presidential nominees, as well as Florida's relocation of their Primary date and some local elections, have generated controversy.

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. American Crossroads	07/13/08	12:00PM/30 minutes	Public Affairs	*

* We reported on the latest developments in the race for the White House; preparations for the upcoming party conventions; and the strategies being employed by each party.

2. Channel 3 News at 10PM (simulcast from WEAR-TV)	09/02/08	10:02PM/3 minutes	News	**
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** The White House says the pregnancy of Vice Presidential candidate Sara Palin's daughter should not be an issue in the presidential campaign, that it's a private family matter. Democratic Presidential nominee Barack Obama said families should be off-limits in the campaigns. But others think the pregnancy deserves public attention, given McCain and Palin's voting records on related issues. As Senator, McCain has opposed proposals to spend federal money on teen pregnancy prevention programs, and voted to require poor teen mothers to stay in school or lose their benefits. And Palin has said she opposes funding for what she calls "explicit sex-ed" programs in her state. We reported on the response from area viewers to this issue.

3. Channel 3 News at 10PM (simulcast from WEAR-TV)	09/08/08	10:33PM/2 minutes	News	***
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*** The race for the White House is tightening, with a CNN national poll showing the race is dead even with 48% for each candidate. But the poll suggests that adding Alaska Governor Sarah Palin to the Republican ticket has energized the GOP. And an ABC poll shows that both Vice Presidential candidates are favorably viewed by Americans. But when asked which of these candidates have the necessary experience to serve as President, if that became necessary, 66% said yes to Biden while only 42% said yes to Palin. We gave the results of our Channel 3 "Your 3 Cents" poll with local viewers comments on which candidate would be a better choice for Vice President.

4. American Crossroads	08/10/08	12:00PM/30 minutes	Public Affairs	****
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**** We provided an updated look at the status of the Presidential contenders, the emergence of the economy as the defining issue of the campaigns, and more on our critical look at the election system as a whole.

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5. In Focus	09/14/08	11:30AM/30 minutes	Public Affairs	*****

***** Escambia County, Florida's incumbent Sheriff Ron McNesby lost his bid for his party's nomination in the primaries, and our guests today are the winning nominees: David Morgan, Republican and Larry Scapecchi, Democrat. Morgan's background is in military law enforcement, with training to federal government standards of the FBI, DEA and ATF. Scapecchi retired after 25 years experience in the Escambia County Sheriff's Office, serving in almost every division. The candidates discussed their reasons for seeking the office, and the major issues facing the new Sheriff, including the budget, personnel issues including how to prevent layoffs under the county commission's budget, the number of deputies on the streets, and the decisions of the lame duck Sheriff and county commission.

6. Channel 3 News at 10PM (simulcast from WEAR-TV)	09/26/08	10:08PM/2 minutes	News	*****
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***** John McCain had originally said he would attend tonight's debate only if Congress took action on the nation's economic crisis. He changed his mind and did participate, even though Congress did not act by tonight. An AP poll showed that the public overwhelmingly wanted the candidates to debate. Barack Obama said a President should be able to handle more than one thing at a time. Some people criticized the move by McCain as a political stunt, saying it was a huge mistake to even discuss cancelling a debate. Today's "Your 3 Cents" topic was the Presidential debate ... we asked viewers if they thought the debate should have been delayed because of the nation's financial crisis. Tonight we reported our viewers' opinions on that issue.

7. Straughn & Company	09/28/08	11:30AM/30 minutes	Public Affairs	*****
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***** Today's program featured the candidates for School Superintendent of the Escambia School District. Democrat Claudia Brown Curry and Republican Malcolm Thomas briefly discussed their background and their reasons for seeking the office. They then presented their plans for handling the issues facing the school district, including the lack of confidence in the public school system, the need to demonstrate results and show progress in educational achievement, safety and discipline in the schools, improving the budget process to reward the better teachers and employees, and increase the transparency and accountability to the taxpayers.

8. American Crossroads	09/28/08	12:00PM/30 minutes	Public Affairs	*****
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***** This week's program was titled "Do Nothing Government – Have American's Had Enough?" We presented a comprehensive report of government waste, "pork" projects, political perks, career politicians, and the arrogance of many of those who wield political power.