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WEAR’s Issues and Programs Report details the major issues for the 4th Quarter and is in no way all-inclusive. The issues, which dominated this quarter of 2020 as determined by WEAR’s continuing ascertainment of community leaders, WEAR’s news operation, and comments of our viewers, are listed below:

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I. 3 Mile Bridge – Skanska Lawsuit

Channel 3 News at 5pm

Date: 10/01/2020

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We not have an official estimate from the Florida Department of Transportation on the reopening of the Three Mile Bridge. There was a meeting this afternoon with FDOT leadership, local elected officials, and others involved in repairing the 3 Mile Bridge. FDOT now estimates it will take five to six months to reopen the bridge. That certainly is a hard number to swallow for the many people facing daily impacts from the closure. Senator Doug Broxson was part of the meeting and says the estimate is based on how complex the reconstruction work will be. At least five whole spans need to be completely rebuilt, including more than 60 beams. At this time, there are still three barges stuck under the bridge and FDOT doesn't even have an idea of when they will be removed.

Channel 3 News at 6pm

Date: 10/02/2020

Duration: 00:00:55

Several people have been reaching out to Channel 3 news once they have learned that it will take up to six months to fix the Pensacola Bay Bridge. The six month estimate that was announced yesterday was hard to swallow for many commuters and some may flat out choke if you throw in a five dollar or more toll each way on the fastest detour. Local lawmakers are saying, that won't happen, and tolls will be waived.

Channel 3 News at 10pm

Date: 10/05/2020

Duration: 00:01:28

We asked just how many people have called to file a complaint, but because of attorney client privilege, we couldn't get an exact number. They are asking Skanska to financially cover all the losses individuals and businesses are experiencing. If you believe you have a claim, you can visit our website where we have details on how to file.

Channel 3 News at 6pm

Date: 10/08/2020

Duration: 00:00:30

Tonight, we've learned that only one barge still remains stuck under the Pensacola Bay Bridge. That barge has been partially sunk on purpose to try and keep it from moving around and causing more damage. FDOT crews are waiting for Hurricane Delta to pass before removing it. Today, we asked Skanska what steps are being taken to secure barges ahead of the storm. A spokesperson would not answer our question. Ian Satter with DOT did talk to us, and revealed what the state is expecting from the contractor.

Channel 3 News at 10pm

Date: 10/12/2020

Duration: 00:03:25

FDOT isn't mincing words in a letter it sent to Skanska. The state is making it clear that they expect the contractor to pay every dime in lost too revenue at the Garcon Point Bridge, if the bridge owner tries to get it out of the state. By order of the Governor, tolls have been suspended until October 23rd at the Garcon Point Bridge, the main detour around the shutdown 3 Mile Bridge after being damaged by Skanska barges that broke free during Hurricane Sally. The letter from FDOT says at least 27 barges caused damage across the area. That is more than the 23 that Skanska confirmed to us. A spokesperson tells me they counted 23 barges that ran ashore separately from 4 that struck the Pensacola Bay Bridge. So far, Skanska hasn't responded to FDOT's letter.

Channel 3 News at 6pm

Date: 11/02/2020

Duration: 00:02:17

Businesses in Gulf Breeze are trying to stay afloat while Three Mile Bridge is out of commission. It's been more than a month since a barge slammed into the bridge, rendering it inoperable for at least six months. Since then, businesses have reported a sharp drop in customers -- fearful they may not be able to survive. As of Monday, McDonald's right off the bridge has decided to temporarily shut down. Jen Wells, owner of Jen's Designer Deals, says she is staying afloat thanks to the Gulf Breeze community and hard work. She's gotten creative as well, participating in as many pop-up shop events as possible -- like this weekend's "Barge-O-Ween." She's also offering to meet customers on the other side of the bridge in Pensacola to deliver their online orders. "We need to remain positive and keep hustling," Wells said. "I'm working harder than I ever have. I'm exhausted and I know most of the business owners can stay the same, but we are in this together. We will get through this." Wells says the community has really stepped up in helping small business suffering amid COVID, hurricanes and the bridge closure. An effort to continue that support has popped up on Facebook called "#Savethebreeze" which has more than 4,000 members. The goal is to promote local businesses and see what they have to offer. Last Friday night, state representative Alex Andrade held a town hall where business owners and residents could ask questions and express concerns. Some businesses said they won't make it come the new year. Andrade plans on holding at least one more before the end of the year.

Channel 3 News at 6pm

Date: 11/13/2020

Duration: 00:04:45

Five lawsuits have been filed against Skanska USA on behalf of local businesses in Gulf Breeze, Pensacola Beach, and Pensacola. "The lawsuits allege that Skanska failed to adequately secure or relocate its work platforms as Hurricane Sally approached the Gulf Coast, resulting in the devastation of the Pensacola Bay Bridge," the law firm says in a release. "The destruction of this critical vein of commerce -- which may last for months, a year, or longer -- has resulted in crippling, if not insurmountable, economic losses for local businesses." FDOT has estimated that Three Mile Bridge will reopen in March following repairs after being shut down since mid-September following Hurricane Sally. The lawsuits have been filed in the First Judicial Circuit Court in Escambia County. Skanska was contracted by FDOT to construct the new Pensacola Bay Bridge at a cost to the State of Florida of approximately \$430 million. "The lawsuits allege that Skanska negligently left numerous work platforms unsecured or improperly positioned. Additionally, at least two unsecured work platforms damaged five spans of the new Pensacola Bay Bridge, rendering the bridge impassable," the release states. "The lawsuits further allege that FDOT confirmed that Skanska 'failed to take adequate precautions to prevent the damage that resulted from Hurricane Sally' and that Skanska 'had advanced knowledge of an approaching hurricane but did not comply with its own Hurricane Preparedness Plan.'" The lawsuits say Skanska could have "easily moved each of its work platforms" prior to Hurricane Sally making landfall and had notice of reason to do so. "We are honored to have the opportunity and the responsibility of representing so many locals who have taken a direct hit not only from Hurricane Sally, but from Skanska. The Three Mile Bridge closure has been devastating to our community, and the effects are going to be felt for months to come," Partner Sam Geisler said. "The firm has a dedicated team of attorneys and staff who have been working tirelessly to evaluate the claims of hundreds of people affected by the bridge closure and to ensure that we are taking the best approach from a legal perspective to hold Skanska responsible for the losses to our community."

Channel 3 News at 6pm

Date: 11/13/2020

Duration: 00:00:50

The suspension of the Garcon Point Bridge toll will be extended for another 30 days. Sen. Doug Broxson confirmed the extension to Channel 3 Friday morning. The suspension of the toll was set to expire Friday at 11:59 p.m. The toll suspension for Garcon Point Bridge has now been extended multiple times since late September. This came after Hurricane Sally caused damage to Three Mile Bridge, causing it to shut down until March 2021 for repairs. Sen. Broxson says he expects the bridge toll to be waived for drivers in 30-day increments through the reconstruction of the Three Mile Bridge.

Channel 3 News at 5pm

Date: 11/13/2020

Duration: 00:02:55

'Fix your mess' is the message Levin Papantonio Law firm has to construction company Skanska. The firm said Skanska has been responsible for both building and destroying part of the Three Mile Bridge during Hurricane Sally. The bridge is a lifeline for those traveling to and from Pensacola Beach and Gulf Breeze. However, for close to two months it's been shut down and community members have had to pay the price. Sanders Payne owns a pool cleaning and construction company in Gulf Breeze. He said since the bridge shut down in September, his 15 employees now spend several hours each day driving to work sites. "Where it used to be a simple drive over the bridge, 15-minute commute, it's now a 90-minute commute to get there," said Payne. Drivers are now taking the Garcon Point Bridge where tolls have been suspended temporarily. However, that detour adds up. To get to I-110 from Pensacola Beach will take you close to an hour and that's if there's not a car accident or traffic. Yet, time isn't the only thing adding up. Ozman Santieban said the closure has cost him an extra \$200 a week in fuel to keep his stucco business alive and to support his family including his 5-year-old daughter. "Given diesel, I have to put more money driving a couple hours versus 15 minutes," said Santieban. "I get the very strong impression that the only thing Skanska is interested in doing is the bare minimum," said Attorney with Levin Papantonio Brian Barr. 27 of Skanska's barges broke free during Hurricane Sally, four of them responsible for tearing apart the bridge. We checked and Skanska USA created a tab on their website called 'Pensacola Bay Bridge Update'. In the frequently asked questions, the company said to date they've removed 22 of the 23 barges that ran aground. Three of the 4 that hit the bridge have also been removed. The company states they've personally met with all of the people who reported property damage because of their equipment. Barr argues that is not enough. "We're just a check to them and yeah that motivates us to really pursue them because we're not just a check. We're a community that has been thriving," said Barr. The firm is filing multiple suits against Skanska and has created a Twitter page called 'Skanska Fix Your Mess'. "They don't want to compensate anybody for what could only be called extraordinarily gross negligence," said Barr. The firm is hoping to share the stories of people who are now paying the price for this broken bridge. "Just frustration... wanting to get to everybody in a 48 to 72-hour window and just not being able to do that," said Payne. "Somebody needs to fix the bridge. It's not just for me, it's for everybody. Suffering," added Santieban. The Florida Department of Transportation said the 3-Mile Bridge is expected to be fixed by mid-March. Levin Papantonio plans on holding a 'Fix Your Mess' Townhall on Nov. 21 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Quietwater Beach Boardwalk. It is open to businesses and the public to talk about the ongoing litigation against Skanska.

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Channel 3 News at 4pm

Date: 11/18/2020

Duration: 00:02:01

The idea of a ferry service between Pensacola and Gulf Breeze -- following the Three Mile Bridge's closure -- has sunk. FDOT said Thursday they won't fund the service. The idea had been brought up since Skanska's barges tore out a portion of the bridge during Hurricane Sally. It prompted both cities to make repairs to their pier and ferry port to accommodate the service. Channel 3 obtained the letter from FDOT to Pensacola Mayor Grover Robinson letting him know funding the ferry service would be financially irresponsible. The letter says they used data from the FDOT-funded ECAT detour bus route between the two cities. FDOT says since October, there were 17 riders on average. And to date, it's increased to only 20. Channel 3 spoke with Senator Doug Broxson, who says the decision is disappointing. But he understands the decision. "Their budget is under great restraint right now because of COVID," he said. "They've been cut almost \$20 million from this district. They had to allocate it to the best good -- which they think is the passenger route, which about 30,000-35,000 people a day are using." Commuters will have to continue taking the Garcon Point Bridge and Highway 87 as detours. FDOT says they're working to widen the I-10 exit ramp onto Avalon to two lanes to help alleviate gridlock. They hope to re-open Three Mile Bridge in March 2021.

Channel 3 News at 6pm

Date: 11/20/2020

Duration: 00:01:48

Local law firm, Levin Papantonio, is hosting an outdoor community discussion on the damage done to the Pensacola Bay Bridge. Skanska USA has been under fire since more than 20 of its barges broke loose in the Pensacola Bay during Hurricane Sally. Four of those barges caused damage to the bridge. Levin Papantonio has been sending the message of 'Fix your mess' to the construction company, who they say is responsible for both building and destroying a lifeline for those traveling to and from Pensacola Beach and Gulf Breeze. The bridge has been closed for over two months with an expected reopening of March 2021. Drivers are now taking the Garcon Point Bridge where tolls have been temporarily suspended. The law firm is also filing multiple suits against Skanska and has created a Twitter page called 'Skanska Fix Your Mess.' They're hoping to share the stories of people who are now paying the price for this broken bridge. The community discussion is on Saturday at the Quietwater Shell Amphitheater from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Levin Papantonio says the purpose of the event is to "show Skanska and our own representatives that we want our bridge rebuilt, our communities reunited, and for the company to make amends." For more information and frequently asked questions, visit skanskafixyourmess.com.

Channel 3 News at 4pm

Date: 12/03/2020

Duration: 00:02:01

While crews with Skanska USA continue to repair the Three Mile Bridge, a local state representative says the construction company is now operating "at a loss." Representative Alex Andrade said Thursday afternoon that the economic loss Skanska will ultimately see from this will not affect the projected reopening date of March 2021, despite rumors it will take much longer. In a town hall forum Wednesday night, Andrade touched on the daily cost of the project being significant due to the increased manpower and equipment. Andrade also said he addressed questions last night regarding the possibility of Skanska abandoning the project before it's completed. He says he's heard many rumors, but he wants to assure the community that the project is on schedule. "There's a lot of opportunities as a good partner with FDOT to continue having these projects in Florida," Andrade said. "So as long as Skanska makes this one right, they have a vested interest in making this one because they don't want to jeopardize projects in the third-largest state in the country." Channel 3 reached out to Skanska on the issue, which deferred questions to Florida Department of Transportation. We're waiting to hear back on the specific numbers regarding Skanska's financial loss and their current operating procedures. While the exact cost is unknown, according to a Nov. 20 statement from Skanska, the company has brought in more than 300 additional employees since the bridge was damaged in September. FDOT said Thursday that contractors will begin driving piles and setting beams on the Pensacola Bay Bridge this week to repair damaged spans on the structure. "The piles act as the vertical support structure that is used to hold up the bridge and beams are horizontal supports designed to span from one support to another," a release states. "The fabrication of multiple concrete piles, piers, and beams continues in preparation for reconstruction."

Channel 3 News – 3 in the Morning (06:00am)

Date: 12/10/2020

Duration: 00:02:05

Skanska USA is seeking to avoid liability for economic damages related to the closure of the Pensacola Bay Bridge following Hurricane Sally. Skanska filed five separate limitation of liability actions in Federal Court Wednesday evening. In the filings, Skanska asks the court to exonerate them from liability and responsibility of any economic damages related to the closure of the bridge following the September 16 storm. According to the documents, if Skanska isn't completely absolved of liability, it will seem to limit that liability to the value of five of its barges. Those values, appraised by Skanska, range from \$125,000 to \$550,000. The bridge was damaged when 27 of Skanska's barges broke loose in Hurricane Sally. Several slammed into the bridge, some knocking out entire spans. To date, more than 30 businesses in Pensacola, Pensacola Beach, and Gulf Breeze have filed suit against Skanska seeking damages for economic losses. Wednesday's court filings say, "despite Skanska Southeast taking all reasonable steps under the circumstances to secure the barges being used in connection with the Project, the unforeseeable and extreme winds, waves and storm surge associated with Hurricane Sally drove the Vessel into the New Bridge causing damage to the New Bridge and forcing its closure to vehicular traffic." A plan submitted to the state prior to the construction of the new Pensacola Bay Bridge clearly shows Skanska accepted responsibility for securing all equipment (including barges) in the event of a hurricane. A letter from the Florida Department of Transportation dated October 22 stated the state was withholding payments to Skanska because the bridge is closed. That letter also acknowledged that Skanska had advanced knowledge of the impending storm, and failed to follow its procedure.

Channel 3 News at 5pm

Date: 12/14/2020

Duration: 00:02:03

A local subcontractor hired by Skanska USA for the Pensacola Bay Bridge project tells Channel 3 her company has still not been paid for some of the work they did nearly 3 years ago. L30 Traffic Control was the Pensacola-based company Skanska first hired to direct traffic near the bridge during construction. L30 Owner Angela McNulty says her company was removed from the project about a year ago because she is battling with Skanska over unfulfilled payments. "For the past two years, we've been trying to collect invoices," McNulty said. "A lot of them are invoices Skanska agrees they owe, but if they have any questions on invoices they don't agree with, they hold all of your payments." McNulty says some of these invoices are for labor, such as for the officers they hired to direct traffic near the bridge. Others are for large pieces of equipment. "They've had a lot of personnel change over the years," McNulty said. "We've probably worked with 20-25 project engineers and managers. In some cases a project manager will order a large piece of expensive equipment then the next group will come in and change their mind and they don't want to pay any fee." In addition to management changes, McNulty says Skanska claims paperwork issues are another reason for holding payments. "They'll say you didn't do the paperwork, then you do the paperwork and they have another question and that has just dragged into years," McNulty said. McNulty says she had to hire legal counsel to get the money she says her company deserved. "It's been very hard," McNulty said. "We're very fortunate that we were able to survive given the amount that was owed. I had to borrow money from family, friends. It was very hard to make payroll for our employees, but we did the right thing and paid them because many of my employees rely on that weekly paycheck." McNulty says she did receive a long-awaited payment from Skanska a few weeks ago, but says the company still owes her between 50 to 100,000 dollars. She says this experience with Skanska has been shocking because they've worked together for years. "The Department of Transportation has a great program where they partner small businesses with large corporations. I was chosen and partnered with Skanska," McNulty said. "I worked with them on the I-4 job down in Orlando. We had a great relationship. If they're treating their mentee company like this, I wonder how they're treating other small businesses." McNulty tells us her contract with Skanska was for the duration of the Pensacola Bay Bridge project, but says Skanska ended their contract after she obtained legal counsel. "By removing us from the job, they took another small business off the table," McNulty said. "The only reason we found out is we saw another company out there installing signs, then they called and said have all your things off in five days." Channel 3 reached out to Skanska for a response. They didn't want to go on camera but a spokesperson said in a statement, "To date, we have paid all invoices and money owed for the documented completion of work." Skanska also confirmed L30 Traffic Control was a subcontractor on the Eastbound portion of the Pensacola Bay Bridge project. In their statement, Skanska also says its "approach to the Pensacola Bay Bridge project continues to be local sourcing of labor and materials, and we value the partnerships we have made with subcontractors and partners from the region."

Channel 3 News at 4pm

Date: 12/21/2020

Duration: 00:02:11

Channel 3 first reported another Skanska barge had become loose in the bay after some Gulf Breeze residents found it washed up by some condos. Skanska since confirmed that it was their barge. After an internal investigation, they say they believe someone intentionally cut the line that secured it. The company shared a new photo with Channel 3 where the line was cut. In a statement to Channel 3, Skanska says they retrieved and secured the barge. Skanska added that it doesn't appear the barge caused any damage. The contracting company says they filed reports with the U.S Coast Guard and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Channel 3 requested those reports but were told they wouldn't be available until the investigation is complete. WEAR spoke with Sam Geisler, an attorney working with Aylstock, Witkin, Kreis and Overholz. They filed a lawsuit against Skanska for the damage their barges caused to the Three Mile Bridge. Geisler says he was shocked that something like this happened again. "It makes you concerned. It really does, I mean, at the same time that you have another work platform that's kind of broken free and drifting in the bay, they're actively fighting to secure total exoneration of any responsibility, financial or otherwise, in federal court," said Geisler. "It's very frustrating. You would expect some accountability for what had happened." Channel 3 also reached out to Levin Papantonio, another firm suing Skanska for damage to the Three Mile Bridge. They said they don't want to comment until the investigation is finished. Skanska says they are planning to increase security. Right now, the company says they are still deciding what that will look like.

II. 2020 Elections

Channel 3 News Dayside

Date: 10/02/2020

Duration: 00:02:58

Local election officials are working to ensure a smooth and sanitary election day come November 3rd. Who you vote for could make all the difference in the outcome of the upcoming election, but what about how to vote? David Stafford, Supervisor of Elections in Escambia County said, "If you look back at the 2018 election, you had a third of the votes cast early, a third that were cast by mail, and another third cast on election day. I suspect the number of mail-in ballots to be much higher than a third statewide." When it comes to voter security, supervisor Paul Lux says Okaloosa County's security vault at the commission will ensure voters voices are heard and not tampered with, come election day.

Channel 3 News at 10pm

Date: 10/02/2020

Duration: 00:00:35

Monday is the last day to register to vote for the November elections. You have until October 5th to ensure your voice counts. If you need more information, we have a link for you on our website. Just search "Beyond the Podium".

Channel 3 News at 6pm

Date: 10/07/2020

Duration: 00:00:48

Tonight's Vice-Presidential Debate will make history in multiple ways because of COVID-19, the candidates, and even the choreography of it all. It may also be more important than we could have predicted just a couple of weeks ago. When it comes to choreography, we are talking about the 12 feet of separation between VP Pence and Sen. Harris with a plexiglass divider for health reasons, another surreal moment in what is becoming a bizarre final stretch in this race.

Channel 3 News at 6pm

Date: 11/01/2020

Duration: 00:00:55

Karen Butler is running against Sen. Broxson for the District 1 State Senate seat. Butler says her top priority is veteran's healthcare. The Air Force veteran and now real estate agent says unfortunately too many veterans in the community are suffering from homelessness and accessibility to health care. Butler says she would work on getting mobile health care units out in the community so veterans can have better access to medications and treatment. She always wants to bring in more resources to help homeless veterans. "Veterans' healthcare and homelessness is something that you should never say in the same sentence we send out our best and brightest out to send out to our wars -- when they come back broken and bruised, they are cast to the side," said Butler. Other important things Butler wants to tackle are protecting the local environment and waterways, bringing in more jobs and improving teacher pay. State Senator Doug Broxson is the incumbent in the race for the District 1 State Senate seat up against Karen Butler this election. When asked what he's most proud of during his time in office, Sen. Broxson said the BP oil spills come to mind. He says he took a very proactive stance resulting in more than \$2 billion going back to businesses. He also says the way the community has come together with the Three Mile Bridge being out following Hurricane Sally has made him very proud to represent this part of the area. Sen. Broxson says it's been a phenomenal run for him so far. "We don't want anything taken away from us that has been given to us by our forefathers, and I've been a champion to make sure that we maintain our ability to have freedom with responsibility," said Broxson. Sen. Broxson also says he's been working diligently to help make Florida the most veteran-friendly state in the nation -- contributing to better access to health care jobs and lower homestead taxes.

Channel 3 News at 5pm

Date: 11/02/2020

Duration: 00:03:30

Both presidential candidates are vying for the Hispanic vote -- especially in the swing state of Florida. The latest Pew Research found there are about 2.5 million Latinos registered to vote in Florida for the 2020 presidential election. That's about

17% of all Florida registered voters and an increase of nearly half a million from the 2016 election. The campaigns are not one size fits all. The season's final ABC News/Washington Post poll shows Hispanics divide closely in the sunshine state: 51% for Biden and 47% for Trump. The poll found substantial support for Trump among Cuban-Americans while Biden is ahead among non-Cuban Hispanics and Hispanic women. Assistant Professor of Political Science at UWF Adam Cayton says the divide can also be found in specific policies. For example, immigration reform may be more important to Mexican-Americans than Puerto Ricans in the state and Cuban and Venezuelans in Florida may vote based on a fear of socialism. "Not only is the Latino vote larger in Florida than in most states, it's also more complicated in Florida than it is in most other states," said Cayton. "When you have a large portion of the population that is persuadable and up for grabs it makes them especially important. While certain things make the group different from the broader population in their political attitudes, they also have a tremendous amount in common with the rest of the population. They want good government services, they care about healthcare, they care about education, they care about all the issues." It's at those specific issues, Cayton says, where the divide often happens. For example, he says, Immigration reform may be more important to Mexican Americans, than Puerto Ricans. And, more Cubans and Venezuelans may fear anyone associated with the term 'socialism.' Grace Resendez McCaffery is the owner of La Costa Latina, a Spanish language newspaper in Pensacola. She's heard various concerns from the Hispanic community in Northwest Florida. "We all come from different backgrounds, so we've got different views," said McCaffery. "On the one side you've got a very conservative voter that seems to focus on abortion rights issues. On the other side we've got voters that are looking for a leader that can restore unity in the country so that we can resolve other issues humanely like immigration, healthcare and this pandemic

Channel 3 News at 6pm

Date: 11/02/2020

Duration: 00:04:30

Ballot drop boxes are raising questions for voters. Channel 3 has received several calls about them on our voter hotline. This is the first year Florida counties had drop boxes set up at polling sites. While there were drop boxes set up at early voting locations, as of Monday, in Escambia County the only place you can drop off your ballot is at the Supervisor of Elections Office. The one outside is open 24 hours. Or you can go inside during regular business hours, where there is another drop box as well. Each drop box is monitored and the ballots inside are collected daily. With increased uncertainty about the U.S. Postal Service, many voters this election are choosing to drop off their ballots instead of risking it being delivered too late to count. The Supervisor of Elections in Escambia County says the drop boxes were popular for local voters, with hundreds being dropped off daily during early voting. But it's important to know drop boxes will not be at polling sites on Election Day. "If you show up with your vote-by-mail ballot at your polling place on election day, your only two choices are to get back in your car and drive it down to the elections office or surrender the ballot at your polling place and vote like anybody else with a regular election day vote," David Stafford said. The state says Florida voters should beware of fake ballot drop boxes. Any advertised drop box on Election Day that is not at the county elections office is not real. If you still have your vote-by-mail ballot, you have until Tuesday at 7 p.m. to bring it to the drop box at the Supervisor of Elections Office or turn it in inside to election officials. Otherwise, registered voters who have not cast a ballot yet will be standing in line on Election Day.

Channel 3 News at 5pm

Date: 11/03/2020

Duration: 00:00:45

The Secretary of State says all 6,000 precincts opened on-time across Florida Tuesday morning. Technology issues were reported in two counties, and security was tight in the Capitol and elsewhere. As polls opened, the 43-degree temperature was the coolest of the fall so far in North Florida. "I wanted to get it over with and done before I head off to work," said Leon County voter Emily Lockard. Inside, it took the first voter seven minutes to cast the first ballot.

Channel 3 News at 6pm

Date: 11/03/2020

Duration: 00:01:15

A federal judge in Washington, D.C., has ordered U.S. Postal Service inspectors to sweep more than two dozen mail processing facilities for lingering mail-in ballots and for those ballots to be sent out immediately. The order, which includes centers in central Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Detroit, Atlanta, south Florida and parts of Wisconsin, comes after national delivery delays leading up to the election and concerns the agency wouldn't be able to deliver ballots on time. The Postal Service's ability to handle the surge of mail-in ballots became a concern after its new leader, Postmaster General Louis DeJoy, a major GOP donor,

implemented a series of policy changes that delayed mail nationwide this summer. Delivery times have since rebounded but have consistently remained below the agency's internal goals of having more than 95% of first-class mail delivered within five days, with service in some battleground areas severely lagging, according to postal data.

Channel 3 News at 10pm (and various cut-ins through the evening)

Date: 11/03/2020

Duration: 00:02:00 minute cutaways + majority of 10pm newscast

Channel 3 brought viewers complete and accurate election night coverage, keeping them up to date with election results via network cut-ins, as well as an election ticker that ran throughout the evening. The 10pm Newscast was primarily the 2020 election results, as well as election day news stories.

Channel 3 News Dayside (11:00am)

Date: 11/04/2020

Duration: 00:01:30

Before polls even opened on Election Day, people lined up outside of Escambia County precincts ready to cast their ballot. Additionally, a record number of people voted early or by mail. In Escambia County, over 69,000 people voted early, 61,491 voted by mail, and 40,163 voted on Election Day. Leslie Mickles cast her ballot early. She said with the enthusiasm we saw out in the polls this election, she believes this community will move forward regardless of who wins. "People get together and do what's right for our community," she said. "So no matter who wins, I still see Pensacola moving forward. I still see our county doing great things. So I am excited either way. I don't think whoever wins is going to hinder the growth that we are seeing." Still, there has been a lot of division in this election. Escambia county voter Marilyn Byrd hopes that the country can move past that and unite with the winner of the presidential race, even if they didn't vote for them. "I pray for that," she said. "That is what I want more than anything else. This is a strong country, always has been, and whatever the problems, I think we'll work through them." Voter Kay Canfield said she would like to see more unity after the election but is doubtful it will happen. "I know even when this election is over, that it's still going to be a lot of tenseness in the air," said Canfield. As of early Wednesday morning, the official winner of the Presidential race has not been called. Ballots are still being counted in key battleground states.

Channel 3 News at 5pm

Date: 11/04/2020

Duration: 00:02:00

Florida's minimum wage will see record highs by next year after Amendment 2 was passed on Election Day. The measure raises the state's minimum wage to \$15 an hour over the next six years. Supporters of the amendment argue this will be a benefit for many Floridians struggling from the state's high cost of living, despite the state's minimum wage already more than a dollar higher than the federal wage. But local business owners feel the amendment will have a negative impact on both employers and their workers. Here's one reason why -- groups like the Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association warned voters that increasing wages in the middle of a pandemic would devastate small business unable to afford an increased payroll. Collier Merrill owns various Pensacola restaurants, including Fish House and Five Sisters. He predicts most small businesses will have to reduce their workforce, find things to cut back on or raise prices. "It certainly sounds good and parts of it might be good," he said. "But bottom line is it's raising the wages for the employer to pay that, so it's hard for them to absorb that. So they're going to have to raise their prices to go along with it." Merrell says other restaurant groups across Northwest Florida were also opposed to the amendment before it was passed Tuesday night by less than one percent. The amendment calls for the state to raise the minimum wage to \$10 per hour, effective September 30, 2021 -- then rising \$1 per year thru 2026.

Channel 3 News at 5pm

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Two Pensacola City Council candidates will have to wait days before they find out who came out on top in Tuesday's election. At the conclusion of Election Day, only five votes separated District 1 contenders Jennifer Brahier and P.C. Wu -- Brahier holding the slight edge. Workers at the Escambia County Election Center now began preparing Wednesday for a recount to hopefully settle the initial tie. The recount will work to process votes not yet counted. The race will be over once either candidate leads by half-a-percent. If not, they would begin a machine -- or even manual -- recount. Channel 3 spoke with Escambia County

Supervisor of Elections David Stafford on Wednesday, who said the process starts with a meeting in two days. "The canvassing board meets on Friday, and that's when we will do what's called our first unofficial results," he said. "We will consider any provisional ballots casted in the election -- not just in this race, but any provisional ballots casted in the election, any vote by mail ballots that have been cured, federal write-in absentee ballots we can tabulate. So there is still a universe of votes that remain to be tabulated. It's not large, and then it's just a mathematical equation after that." Brahier and Wu may have to wait up to 10 days before the results are final. Channel 3 spoke with Brahier on Wednesday. The Pensacola State College Professor says even if she loses, this can be a learning lesson for her opponent. "I am confident that whoever ends up councilperson now knows that this district needs to be brought together," Brahier said. "I believe that if the current councilman remains, I think that he can't ignore that there is a huge constituency that is very upset with his performance and was willing to go against. You don't have votes like this against an incumbent. He's never had a run like this, and even remotely within a close race." Channel 3 reached out to Wu on Wednesday for comment, but has yet to hear back. We will track the recount over the coming days and bring you those results as soon as they come down.

Channel 3 News Dayside

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The election is also having an impact on the sale of some consumer goods. Gun shop owners in Northwest Florida tell Channel 3 News they're facing a shortage of both ammunition and guns. "Well, this would normally be filled, top and bottom, with 22 ammo. This would normally be 380 ammo, 9 millimeter ammo," said Rick Bankston, the owner of the 'Buck and Bass' sporting goods shop. The shelves of his store are now empty. Bankston said he can't find any ammunition from suppliers to fill them. "We used to order what we wanted, now we take what we can get," he said. Bankston said he's sold at least five times more guns and ammo in the last few months compared to usual. He said he started seeing more 'panic buying' with the outbreak of the pandemic, riots across the country and talks of defunding the police. "I've never seen one to this extent.... ever," he said. The demand kept growing into election season. "I don't blame them. Most of the people I know are doing the same thing," said gun owner Jim Briggs. "I think some of the changes in our government with this election could really make the gun laws more restrictive and people don't wait to wait until it's too late to where they can't buy guns at all," added Briggs. Bankston showed Channel 3 News a pile of papers, showing a sign of this demand. They were applications from his customers applying to buy a gun on the day after election day. "It's a perfect storm. It's a combination of 3 things. It's the election... the Democrats are wanting to limit, restrict or ban certain firearms," he said. Bankston said most of the people coming in are looking to buy weapons for self-defense. He said the demand for guns used for hunting has stayed about the same.

III. COVID-19

Channel 3 News at 6pm

Date: 10/01/2020

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Multiple COVID-19 sites in Escambia county that are run by the state will close permanently after tomorrow says the FL Department of Emergency Management. They will remain open through 5pm tomorrow. These sites were only temporary, according to the state, to assist with reopening businesses through the surge in case numbers.

Channel 3 News at 4pm

Date: 10/05/2020

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Friday's high school football game between Washington and Crestview has been cancelled or postponed. Crestview has had positive coronavirus tests, but we don't know how many. Washington A.D. Joe Williams says the bulldogs informed Washington Coach Tommy Joe Whiddon that they don't feel they can safely field a team for a game on Friday night.

Channel 3 News at 6pm

Date: 10/06/2020

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Today is the last day for Escambia County businesses to apply for COVID-19 Grants. Applications close at eight o'clock tonight. The county has allocated more than 7.5 million dollars in the CARES Act funding to the effort.

Channel 3 News at 10pm

Date: 10/07/2020

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The CEO of Baptist Healthcare says a COVID-19 vaccine is coming, but it won't be available to everyone immediately. CEO Mark Faulkner says he believes there will be a vaccine available before the 3 Mile Bridge is fixed. That means it could be available in the next six months. The CDC recommends the first to get the vaccine should be healthcare workers, including first responders. That is what is being called the first phase. Law enforcement, essential workers, and vulnerable individuals would be vaccinated in the second portion of phase one.

Channel 3 News: 3 in the Morning

Date: 10/10/2020

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Escambia County families suffering during the coronavirus pandemic may be getting more money from the Escambia CARES Family Assistance Program. County Commissioners are considering a plan to move three million dollars from the Business Grant Program of their CARES Act funding, to the Family Assistance Program.

Channel 3 News at 6pm

Date: 11/04/2020

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This year, the holiday season will look a bit different as the coronavirus pandemic surges and people travel across the country to visit family and friends. Unlike years past, COVID-19 will put holiday parties on pause for some. "This year it will be more of a gathering but a separated kind of gathering," said Milton resident Taniya Armstrong. "We have seats that are a couple feet apart." Cases are on the rise. On Wednesday, Escambia County saw a triple digit increase for the first time in nearly a month. Pensacola Catholic High School this week canceled classes, after 10 students contracted COVID-19. They tell Channel 3 News the outbreak came on the heels of Halloween, calling it an "unusually active social weekend." "It's kind of a little bit surprising to see that it's still prevalent and that it hasn't really dissipated as much as everyone expected it to," said Pensacola resident Jared Raddar. "But then again what do you expect when everybody's still hanging in crowds," added Leann Simmons. The Escambia County COVID-19 dashboard on Wednesday shows there are currently 62 people with coronavirus in local hospitals. That's nearly 20 more people than just one week ago. With the holiday parties on the horizon, health experts fear those

numbers will go even higher, and that's why they are encouraging you to change up Thanksgiving and Christmas festivities. The CDC suggests holding "virtual" Thanksgiving gatherings this year or limiting gatherings to just your own household. "I think people should still be doing that, especially if they're around their grandparents because obviously it's still a pandemic and better safe than sorry," said Pensacola resident Erin Leonard.

Channel 3 News at 4pm

Date: 11/13/2020

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Pensacola Mayor Grover Robinson says city officials will monitor the city's COVID situation on a week-to-week basis before potentially implementing any restrictions or mandates. Robinson said the plan all along was if the county passed 75 hospitalizations, his office would reinstate the local state of emergency that expired last month. He says this order simply alerts the community that spread of COVID-19 is worsening. It's not a mandate, and Robinson adds they won't need any mandates if people listen to their recommendations. Right now, the county sits at 87 hospitalizations. That includes those at Baptist Hospital, Ascension Sacred Heart and West Florida Hospital. Mayor Robinson says his office will talk with those hospitals to make any other decisions moving forward. He hopes that the city won't have to issue any mandates, but it will depend week-to-week. The mayor says he is hopeful knowing that the county overcame a previous spike in July. "Over the summer, we were able to keep things open and still be able to beat back our summer spike," Mayor Robinson said. "I think we can do the same thing in the Fall, but there certainly are things that we can begin to do with a little bit more deliberation within the city, and other things that we can do." Robinson emphasized that if people listen to their suggestions -- wear a mask, social distance and avoid crowded areas -- that he won't have to get to the point of considering restrictions. For context, when the governor shut down bars and restaurants in March, Florida sat at 192 cases. Okaloosa County only had two cases back then. Escambia County only had one positive case. The state started reopening in May. That record spike came two months later and dipped down to as low as 35 just last month.

Channel 3 News at 6pm

Date: 11/16/2020

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Florida added more than 10,000 new COVID cases in a single day over the weekend, a number the state hasn't seen since the summer surge. CBS12 News obtained a copy of a recent White House report dated October 25, warning "Florida is in the red zone for cases." The report, which starts on page 11 of the attached file, highlights an increase in cases, case positivity, and no decline in week over week hospital admissions, which "suggests the early signals of expanding community spread that should be immediately addressed." As other governor's across the country commit to new measures to slow the spread of the virus, like issuing statewide mask mandates and stay at home orders, Governor DeSantis' office is pledging to keep Florida open. "Today we are back down to 4,500 [cases] and a 7.3% positivity rate," a spokesperson for Governor DeSantis told CBS12 News. "We believe yesterday's high number was due to a large submission file and skewed the numbers for that day. The Governor will not lockdown and hurt families who can't afford to shelter in place for 6 weeks. Especially not for a virus that has a 99.8% survival rate. One area of concern is Assisted Living Facilities. Since those over 70 face the greatest threat from [COVID] the Governor is monitoring those numbers daily and is prepared to move therapeutic and prophylactic assets to those facilities as needed." At the end of September, Governor DeSantis moved all of the state into Phase 3 of re-opening, which eliminated COVID-related business closures and capacity limitations. His order made county-wide mask mandates unenforceable, by eliminating fines associated with them. The state has seen a steady increase in cases and positivity rates since fully re-opening. "The overall trends are really, very ugly," said Dr. Thomas Unnasch, Distinguished Health Professor at the University of South Florida College of Public Health. He said the number of COVID cases are now rising exponentially, and would recommend the Governor at least implement a statewide mask mandate. "The models we are running are predicting we will see a massive increase in the number of cases," Dr. Unnasch said. "It's going to continue to grow like a rocket. Probably it's going to end up peaking somewhere around Christmas, and Inauguration Day." He said if the state won't issue any mandates, it should at least increase it's communication and public health messaging so people can adjust their behavior and plans accordingly. "We are facing a very difficult situation if people don't rally around and take care, with or without the governor's encouragement," Unnasch said. CBS12 News reached out to Palm Beach County Mayor Dave Kerner to ask if his office is speaking to the Governor's office about the rise in cases and what can be done to address them. A spokesperson said, "The county is monitoring the COVID-19 numbers closely," and added that they will be receiving another update from the county's health director, Dr. Alina Alonso, Tuesday.

Channel 3 News at 6pm

Date: 11/16/2020

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Mayor Grover Robinson says, as of now, Mardi Gras is still happening in Pensacola amid the ongoing pandemic. But it may not look like years' past. In his weekly news conference, Robinson said he and Danny Zimmern with Pensacola Mardi Gras are talking about ways to celebrate safely. Robinson is advocating for less congested parades during the daytime. He adds they may stray away from nighttime parades this year. "We are going to be discussing some things with Mardi Gras and seeing where we go," Robinson said. "I think there's an interest in doing something with Mardi Gras to make sure that it's done. And how we deal with the congestion side of it -- I think there's going to be a lot of discussion about that. Overall if you have concern about your health, all of us are going to have to make individual decisions whether we go or not." While no official guidance has been released by the City or Pensacola, Mardi Gras celebrating amid a pandemic is already on local krewe's mind. Jessica Reeder, the President of Krewe Order of Calliope, says they plan to take precautions. She says all krewe members will be asked to wear masks. "In addition to that, we will do temperature checks," she said. "So as members arrive, we will have someone set up to take their temperature on their forehead. And they'll get a wristband once they get through that check -- just as an extra precaution -- so we make everyone feel safe." Zimmern tells Channel 3 he was not yet ready to comment on COVID-19 guidelines or rules. But there are several meetings planned this week, so that could change by the end of the week. The kickoff to Mardi Gras celebration is set to take place on January 8, 2021.

Channel 3 News Dayside (11:00am)

Date: 11/18/2020

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With coronavirus cases spiking across the country, businesses and government agencies are ramping up their restrictions once again. But in Northwest Florida, some agencies are differing on their requirements for employees -- specifically, when it comes to wearing masks. Most emergency agencies across Northwest Florida require their employees to wear personal protective equipment when responding to a call. But that's not the case for all of them. Irene Milbury called into the Channel 3 newsroom this week after she claims three different agencies responded to an early Sunday morning medical emergency at a family member's home, but none of them were wearing masks. "I'm not sure I realized it immediately, because of the entire situation -- it was an emergency," Milbury said. "But when I did realize, it freaked me out." "I started thinking these are the people that show up at houses to get people who have COVID and they don't have masks on," she added. "It's just boggled my mind." Channel 3 made calls to the responding agencies. Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office Sergeant Rich Aloy says deputies aren't required to wear masks. But they're encouraged to use their discretion as they have done "before the pandemic." Brad Baker, Santa Rosa County emergency manager, says all EMS and fire employees are required to wear masks at all times when responding on scene. He didn't dispute whether or not the responding workers on this case weren't wearing PPE. Global Medical Response, the parent company of the third agency, Lifeguard Ambulance, says that masks are required for all employees for all patient contacts -- adding that all employees are aware of this policy. Other departments across Northwest Florida responded to Channel 3's inquiry Wednesday. The city of Fort Walton Beach and Okaloosa County officials say they're require masks for all responders on scene. Pensacola Police added they too require masks anywhere that officers can come in contact with the public or fellow officers. Officer Mike Wood says Pensacola Police was the first local agency to implement such a policy.

Channel 3 News - 3 in the Morning (6:00am)

Date: 11/24/2020

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Older adults are at a higher risk of having complications from COVID-19. Many are taking every precaution they can to avoid getting the virus. But for some adults that means missing out on non-emergency routine medical visits. Dr. Michael Ullman with Ullman Eye Consultants said this is a problem and it could be detrimental to people's health. "It's really a tough spot for them because the coronavirus obviously affects them more severely, but they also have more medical problems that could really be doing themselves a disservice by not seeing their doctor," said Ullman. Georgia Philpot is one of those patients. She needed surgery for her cataracts and glaucoma over the summer. She decided not to postpone the procedure. Ullman said if she would have waited would have lost her eyesight. "It's like you know on a foggy day or a foggy afternoon and that was what I was experiencing blurred all the time and once I had my surgery it was like coming in a sunny day," said Philpot. She has regained her independence and can drive, do work around the house, and do her make up on her own. What made her feel comfortable to have surgery during a pandemic was to ask her doctor what precautions they're taking. "Even with the pandemic things

happen we have to see about our selves the doctors I've had to go to are very cautious," Philpot said. In order to limit any exposure to their patients, Dr. Ullman said they've implemented several COVID-19 precautions, including mask-wearing, sneeze guards at the front desk, and even between the doctor and the patient. He hopes this will encourage older patients to keep up with their health. "COVID-19 is not the only thing that matters here and you have to take care of your other health problems and I wouldn't neglect going to your eye doctor or your doctor in general just because you are worried about coronavirus," said Ullman.

Channel 3 News at 4pm

Date: 11/27/2020

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With big box stores closed on Thanksgiving Day, people got up early on Black Friday to see if they could score some deals. At Academy Sports in Pensacola, they opened their doors at 5 a.m. Cecilia Gant with Academy Sports says the crowds this year were nowhere a big as compared to previous years. "We are not as crowded this year," she said. "We did have a line outside earlier, but that kind of dissipated. Most people are opting for pick up and curbside, so if you do decide to come inside it's an in and out process. There are barely any lines." She said COVID-19 has changed how people shop for the holiday season. What they've noticed is more shoppers are choosing to shop online or use the curbside pick service. Cheyenn Coates said it's her yearly tradition to go Black Friday Shopping. This year she made stops at Academy Sports and Cordova mall but was surprised by the short check-out lines. "I expected it to be a lot more busy then it was I expected a lot more people to show up but it was really easy to get in and out stores and shop what you need because there is a lot of good deals going on," said Coates. She knows more people are opting to shop online because of the pandemic. She plans on doing both in-store and online. "I feel like a lot of people are going to be doing online shopping this year rather than going to the store because they feel like a lot of people are going to be there and they don't want to be exposed possibly to it," Coates said. Retail stores like Academy are continuing their COVID-19 precautions. All their employees are required to wear masks and sanitize commonly-touched areas like the check-out counter.

Channel 3 News at 6pm

Date: 12/07/2020

Duration: 00:00:27

Pensacola Mayor Grover Robinson said Monday that COVID-19 hospitalizations are on the rise in Escambia County. He addressed the pandemic during his weekly news conference. Mayor Robinson says the state positivity rate is at just over 6.9 percent. Escambia County continues to outpace that rate at about 9.6 percent. As of Monday, the county sits at 133 COVID-19 hospitalizations. This up from 109 on Thursday.

Channel 3 News at 6pm

Date: 12/07/2020

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The state's plan is clear on who is first in line to receive the COVID-19 vaccination. However, it doesn't mention whether you have to get it. In Monday's briefing, Pensacola's Mayor Grover Robinson explained why the City of Pensacola won't force its employees to get vaccinated. For context, Governor Ron DeSantis said in a press conference last week that the COVID-19 vaccine should arrive late December. There won't be enough right away for everyone. DeSantis says the first round of vaccines will go to long-term care facilities, then to health care workers and to the elderly and vulnerable. Mayor Robinson says once it's available to the general public he hopes the city employees understand the threat but won't make them vaccinate. "We've got a lot of people to vaccinate at this particular time, so our focus will be not as much worrying about those that won't vaccinate as those that will and how we keep pushing the supplies down the line and getting more people vaccinated," said Robinson. Mayor Robinson added he believes the three area hospitals won't require their staff to take the vaccine either. This comes as the threat of COVID-19 increases in the county. Hospitalizations jumped from 89 to 133 in two weeks. Escambia County's positivity rate also sits at 9.9%, which is higher than the state's average of 8.8%.

Channel 3 News at 10pm**Date: 12/08/2020****Duration: 00:02:10**

COVID-19 has impacted local retailers in more way than one. "We saw a very drastic decrease of traffic," Sgt. Rich Aloy with the Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office says. "With that came a decrease in crimes such as criminal mischief, loitering and prowling -- people out in the streets." Santa Rosa County initially reported a decrease in certain crimes during those first few weeks -- especially domestic violence. In April, now-former Escambia County Sheriff David Morgan told Channel 3 they saw similar trends. Nine months later, Sgt. Aloy says most increases -- or decreases -- have leveled out. "The numbers were typical increases and decreases from year to year, so there wasn't anything that was significant," he said. However, he noted one significant decrease -- shoplifting. Sgt. Aloy says retail theft dropped 50 percent from last year. "The business closures during that first portion of the COVID period," he said, "the reduction of the amount of people in stores, possibly the additional manpower that was in the stores in that period, the closure of the bridges, the less people in Santa Rosa County -- it could be a multitude of different issues." During the pandemic, the sheriff's office made adjustments. Sgt. Aloy says they rolled out a new platform to file reports online to limit in-person contact. Channel 3 asked Sgt. Aloy what we can expect in the months to come with these trends in crime. He said -- like in the past nine months of this pandemic -- there is no predicting what's going to happen. It heavily relies on when this outbreak ends.

Channel 3 News at 10pm**Date: 12/09/2020****Duration: 00:02:19**

We're inching closer to the reality of a COVID-19 vaccine in Northwest Florida. Pending FDA approval, many businesses face the decision of whether to require their employees to take it. Channel 3 has heard from the City of Pensacola and some local hospitals. Both say they won't require their staff to get the vaccine. Quint Studer oversees nearly 180 employees at the Studer Community Institute. He says he hasn't decided whether to mandate his staff to take the vaccine. Studer says it falls into whether it's necessary to keep his employees safe. Right now, Studer says he'll likely treat it the way he treats flu shots for staff -- educating them and provide the right resources. "Why you should take it, we'll have flu shots at work, we'll make sure there is no expense to the flu shot," he said. "And really talk about why, when you get the flu shot, you're a good coworker." Studer added that the decision also depends on what's allowed legally. He says they may even offer rewards for those who vaccinate. "That shows that you're trying to make sure that your coworkers are healthy and your customers are healthy," Studer said. Channel 3 reached out to several other businesses in town, but didn't hear back.

Channel 3 News at 4pm**Date: 12/10/2020****Duration: 00:02:04**

Escambia County announced Thursday that its CARES Act grant funding program has officially closed amid the pandemic. Some recipients tell Channel 3 they haven't seen the money yet. Escambia County says they have until the end of December to finish handing out over \$57 million in federal CARES Act funding. As of Thursday, they say they've finished deciding which households will receive \$16 million of that through their Family CARES grant program. In total, 5,500 approved applicants will receive \$3,000 each. That's out of 9,558 applicants. Escambia County says it's paid out over 4,100 of those so far. Applicants had to make less than \$45,000 per year. Chips Kirschenfeld, Escambia County's deputy administrator, says some of those people applied fraudulently. "Unfortunately, there are people in our community who are taking advantage of this humanitarian program that was meant to provide funding for needy families," he said. "These people have used fraudulent drivers licenses, fraudulent social security cards, bogus mailing addresses to try to receive multiple checks, or to receive checks they didn't qualify for." When that happens, he says they deny the application. In other cases, people fraudulently received those checks. He said that wasn't the case for the Family program. But it did happen in some cases for the county's business programs.

Channel 3 News at 6pm**Date: 12/10/2020****Duration: 00:01:17**

The Pfizer vaccine is on its way to Florida according to Gov. Ron DeSantis. The Governor announced Thursday the first shipment of 179,400 doses should arrive within the week. DeSantis said 97,500 doses will be sent to hospitals and given to high-contact and high-exposure health care personnel. 60,450 doses will be sent to CVS and Walgreens for use in long-term care facilities.

Both companies are under contract with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to administer vaccines inside those facilities, he said. 21,450 doses will go directly to the Florida Department of Health. "We will be using strike teams from Health, the Florida Division of Emergency Management and the Florida National Guard to go into long-term care facilities and administer the vaccine in areas with a high concentration of facilities," DeSantis said. Last week, DeSantis said the first people set to receive the COVID vaccine will be those living in long term care facilities, like nursing homes followed by health care workers and residents 65 years and older.

Channel 3 News at 10pm

Date: 12/11/2020

Duration: 00:02:07

The City of Pensacola is keeping COVID-19 restrictions in place for a while longer, as the number of cases continues to climb. The Pensacola City Council unanimously voted Thursday to extend the city's mask ordinance and state of emergency through the end of February. Mayor Grover Robinson reinstated the city's state of emergency less than a month ago when hospitalizations in Pensacola reached 75. He says they've now nearly doubled to 149. "We are significantly at a high number and we really need to come together as a community and try to bring that number down," said Robinson. He said one way to do that is to wear a mask. However, at Thursday's meeting Councilmember Sherri Myers questioned the city's ability to enforce their ordinance. "I just want to ask the mayor if it's being enforced," said Myers. Governor Ron DeSantis issued an executive order in September, banning the enforcement of mask mandates. Robinson said right now the city can only monitor businesses, not individuals. "We have written the governor and have asked about that executive order and being able to allow actually allow for local governments to institute their own if they feel the need," said Robinson. Channel 3 asked the mayor when we can expect to see COVID vaccines in Northwest Florida. He said he's hoping for January or February. Robinson said it's unclear how many doses the city will get. What we've been told by the hospitals is to get them numbers of first responders that we have because the first people that are gonna see it are healthcare workers, first responders and those elderly that are in congregate living facilities," he said. Pensacola City Council will reevaluate the mask ordinance and state of emergency and decide whether to extend the two on February 25.

Channel 3 News at 6pm

Date: 12/14/2020

Duration: 00:02:07

Florida administered its first COVID-19 vaccine Monday morning to a 31-year-old frontline nurse in Tampa following a press conference led by Gov. Ron DeSantis. "This is exciting," DeSantis said. Watch the press conference here: The event was attended by Florida Division of Emergency Management Director Jared Moskowitz and the CEO of Tampa General Hospital, one of five hospitals in Florida that will receive the first shipments of the COVID-19 vaccine for distribution. The first critical Pfizer vaccine vials shipped out on Sunday and are expected to arrive at their destinations across the state on Monday. Florida is on track to receive nearly 180,000 doses of the vaccine. More than half will go to the five regional hospitals to be given to high-contact and high-exposure health care personnel.

Channel 3 News at 6pm

Date: 12/15/2020

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Tuesday marked a historic day for Northwest Florida, as a shipment of the COVID-19 vaccine arrived in the early morning at the Naval Hospital Pensacola. The Navy hospital will now start vaccinating its employees. Officials with the hospital told Channel 3 on Tuesday that the vaccine shipment meets the demand of their hospital. "The concept of having a vaccine now, that will move us forward in this whole nation project to get the pandemic under control," Commander Jonathan Elliot said. "It's very exciting." The hospital says they were their own biggest advocate in telling the Department of Defense how the vaccine could benefit them. In the end, the DoD selected 16 locations -- Pensacola being one of them. The vaccine has to be stored at a very cold temperature. It requires a special freezer, which the hospital says they purchased ahead of the shipment arriving. Next they will administer the vaccines. The hospital says that will happen as soon as Wednesday. "The vaccine is safe and very effective, but it's a personal decision at this point whether or not they want to receive the vaccine," Elliot said.

Channel 3 News at 5pm**Date: 12/17/2020****Duration: 00:02:02**

Several Northwest Florida hospitals are on the list of more than 170 hospitals across the state to receive doses of Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine as early as Monday. The statewide rollout includes skilled nursing and assisted living facilities. Those included in Northwest Florida are: West Florida Hospital, Ascension Sacred Heart, Gulf Breeze Hospital and Baptist Hospital. Solaris Healthcare in Pensacola also confirmed to Channel 3 on Thursday that the facility will receive their vaccine from CVS by Wednesday. "I'm excited it's becoming available," Pensacola resident Will Walker says. "I'm really proud of the scientists who developed it so fast and as far as I can tell, they aren't cutting any corners on the study. So I will absolutely take it." More than 350,000 doses will be distributed across Florida, but not all area hospitals will receive the vaccine -- the most notable being Santa Rosa Medical Center.

Channel 3 News at 5pm**Date: 12/21/2020****Duration: 00:02:37**

The first set of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine arrived at the Ascension Sacred Heart in Pensacola. A hospital spokesman, Mike Burke, told Channel 3 News they received 4,000 doses, but only 30 frontline workers were given the vaccine today. Dr. Mark Grise was the first in line. Some of the employees told us they were excited to receive the vaccine for fear of infecting their patients. Ascension Sacred Heart is not requiring their employees to take the vaccine. Other hospitals like West Florida are still waiting to get the vaccine. Baptist Hospital, West Florida Hospital, and Fort Walton Beach Hospital all confirm they have received the vaccine.

Channel 3 News at 6pm**Date: 12/29/2020****Duration: 00:02:00**

The CDC's eviction moratorium has been extended until the end of January with President Trump signing the latest stimulus bill. It's meant to help people who can't pay their rent or mortgage because of the pandemic. However, others say they're now paying the price. Landlord Michael Herring showed Channel 3 News several of his properties that he was considering to sell in August. At the time he'd already lost tens of thousands of dollars from unpaid rent. "I'm... I'm sorry," nearly breaking into tears," Herring said. "These are on the market right now to sell because I can't afford to keep them. That's ridiculous, that's not fair and not right." Herring shared that some of his tenants could not afford to pay rent. In worse cases, some of his tenants have not paid in ten months. Yet, because of this moratorium, he hasn't been able to evict them. Herring said he had no other choice than to sell some of these properties he grew up working on with his grandfather and dad. "I was finishing it as a tribute to him in a way and having to give it up is not something that I ever thought I would have to do," he said. Escambia County tells Channel 3 News close to 160 residential evictions have been filed since February. These families could be homeless if the moratorium is lifted next month. "People are out of work I understand that, but they're getting unemployment. They're getting all this other money and they could pay that if they wanted to. They just don't want to. In some cases... in most cases," said Herring. He believes the government is helping renters at the expense of landlords. "The government should have a program to where they give landlords something-- to help them out," said Herring. The moratorium states that renters will have to eventually pay back the money they owe. However, Herring said he doubts he'll get any of it back.

IV. Education

Channel 3 News at 4pm

Date: 10/12/2020

Duration: 00:01:07

Parents of Escambia County can now switch their child's school option, such as moving from remote learning back to face-to-face instruction. Unlike the beginning of the year, parents will not need to make their choice online through the parent portal. Instead, each school will call parents over the phone. Parents who do want to switch their school choice, are asked to let their school know no later than October 20th.

Channel 3 News Dayside (11:00am)

Date: 11/10/2020

Duration: 00:00:40

The University of West Florida still plans to switch to all remote classes following Thanksgiving break amid the coronavirus pandemic. This will take place beginning Nov. 30. The switch to all remote classes following Thanksgiving was part UWF's original Fall 2020 reopening plan that was approved on June 23 by the Florida Board of Governors. It is being implemented to lessen the spread of COVID-19 following holiday gathering. Final exams begin for UWF on Dec. 7. Meanwhile, Northwest Florida State College says it will complete the Fall semester as planned following Thanksgiving break. "The College continues to safeguard the health and wellbeing of our campus community by requiring masks around campus, practicing social distancing, plexi-glass barriers and increased cleaning protocols," the college says in a release.

Channel 3 News at 5pm

Date: 11/18/2020

Duration: 00:01:50

Students at Pensacola State College believe they know who the winner will be in the 2020 Presidential Election. 310 students from 14 different American Government Classes at PSC ran an electoral college simulator using state polling data. What they found is that it is likely that Donald Trump will get re-elected, but it's going to be a close race. "What they are showing me, it's going to come down to about five states -- Wisconsin, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Arizona, and the state of Florida," said Robert Thead, a government Instructor at PSC. Thead designed the custom poll and is guiding the students. He said Florida is key in winning the election. "According to them, unless Donald Trump wins the state of Florida, there is absolutely no way he can be in the White House. That's what my students are telling me and I have a lot of confidence," Thead said. The students also found that even if Democratic Candidate Joe Biden wins all other swing states, Trump would still get the necessary 270 electoral college votes to win the election by winning Florida. But Thead is warning people to be prepared not to know the results of the election on Tuesday night. "There are a lot of moving parts in the background," he said. "We'll see if this is going to erupt into this big legal fight that may stretch into weeks or months after the election." He is confident in this student's findings. And whoever is the winner, it's going to be a narrow victory. "I tell them if they are correct they will be the most loved and the most vilified people on the planet and probably be considered the smartest group of people for about 20 minutes," Thead said. "And I'll make sure that credit is allocated where credit is due."

Channel 3 News at 5pm

Date: 11/30/2020

Duration: 00:01:00

Gov. Ron DeSantis announced Monday in a press conference that Florida public schools will remain open for in-person instruction in the spring. They will also continue to offer virtual options, although there will be stricter monitoring requirements in virtual classes. "Closing schools due to coronavirus is probably the biggest blunder in modern American history," DeSantis said. When it comes to virtual classes, the new rules will require parents to be notified if the student is struggling with virtual learning. Transitions to in-person learning may then be made, unless a parent objects. The governor and Education Commissioner Richard Corcoran spoke at Boggy Creek Elementary School in Kissimmee. During the press conference, DeSantis referred to those in favor of closing schools due to COVID-19 as today's "flat earthers."

Channel 3 News at 5pm

Date: 12/14/2020

Duration: 00:02:07

In an effort to avoid the threat of COVID-19, a number of Northwest Florida parents kept their kids at home this year to learn remotely. "It could kill family members in our household or outside of our household, like my mom," said Escambia County parent, Allyson Ashlock. That was the case for Ashlock's son. She says her son on track for the 5th grade 'B' honor roll. But this weekend, they received a letter from the school district suggesting otherwise. "It gave me a panic attack because I felt like I had dropped the ball on something," said Ashlock. She wasn't the only one. Sarah Brummet, another Escambia County parent, says she received letters for both her 2nd and 7th grader. "Your student is not making adequate academic process in the remote learning model and plans are being made for your student to return to school for traditional face-to-face instruction," Brummet reads. The letter raises concerns meeting any one of a number of markers including attendance, grades and graduation requirements. Dianna Harris was another parent who received the letter. She has an 11th grader at Washington High School. "It just felt like it was a punch in the stomach," said Harris. All three parents expressed the same sentiment -- that the letter didn't feel like an option but instead, a mandate. It turns out, these three mothers were part of a majority. Channel 3 requested the number of students who received the letter from the Escambia County School District (ECSD). The district was not able to talk on camera, but shared the numbers. Out of over 3,200 elementary students learning remotely, 82% received a letter. Of the 2,600 middle schoolers in the district, 89% saw one. And, 70% of over 3,5000 high schoolers also received a letter. Channel 3 requested the same data from the other Northwest Florida school districts. Santa Rosa County tells Channel 3 that 25% of their 3,1000 remote learners received a letter. Okaloosa County says they don't have that data just yet. ECSD says it's part of an executive order from Florida's Dept. of Education. It requires all districts across the state to send the letters. Parents tell Channel 3, it's not necessarily their students' progress that concerns them, but the way the district handled it. "If there are academic concerns, you know, the district has the responsibility to support those families, not just demand that they come back to school at the height of the pandemic," said Brummet. The district says parents do have options and encourages those concerned to call their school directly.

V. Government

Channel 3 News at 10pm

Date: 10/01/2020

Duration: 00:01:07

The Escambia County Commission is considering an increase of the county's Bed Tax, to bring more money to the county. Right now, the county collects .04 cents for every dollar spent on hotels and vacation rentals. They are talking about increasing that to .05 cents. No decision will be made tonight, but we are expecting to hear some of the input from the public.

Channel 3 News at 4pm

Date: 11/13/2020

Duration: 00:03:01

An airborne problem has the attention of Okaloosa County Commissioners and they are considering an ordinance to crack down on it. If you've ever been to the beach or a business close to the water, you may have encountered wildlife looking for a handout. But feeding the hungry and often aggressive creatures has created a nuisance for some merchants who want the practice to stop. A day at the boardwalk on Okaloosa Island usually means fresh air, sunshine, glimmering water and birds. The latter is a problem for John Perry, who owns Rockin Tacos, an open-air cantina. "It's become a very big nuisance to my business. We've got birds attacking people on the deck while they were eating, stealing food. Then it becomes my job to replace the food they lost," says Perry. He points to a couple of people he says regularly feed the fowl -- a practice that's perfectly legal. "They've become an issue coming in on the deck and that's not where we want to be as far as consumers are concerned. We want them to have an enjoyable experience without having birds under their feet," says Perry. Commissioner Carolyn Ketchel says they don't want to discourage tourists or kids from tossing out an occasional scrap of food but want to give businesses a way to address any real problem. "This will give restaurateurs a way to call law enforcement if they see someone has made a nuisance

of this. So it's really a nuisance of ordinance," says Ketchel. Dayn Lacke who regularly feeds birds doesn't like the idea and is crying foul. "I thought it was an overreach and I'm not sure they have the authority to do so. I've got about 200 people taking pictures of me a week and most likely posting on Facebook," says Lacke. "His logo is in every picture. I'm doing him a favor." Commissioners have a draft ordinance but want to hear from citizens before passing anything rather than winging it. If you want to attend that public hearing, it's set for next Tuesday at 9 a.m. at the Okaloosa County Commission Chamber in Shalimar.

Channel 3 News at 5pm

Date: 11/25/2020

Duration: 00:02:15

Florida Congressman Matt Gaetz said President Donald Trump should pardon himself and others in his administration before leaving office to prevent the "radical left" from prosecuting them. The Panhandle Republican and close Trump ally said Tuesday on Fox News' "The Ingraham Angle" that the president should protect his staff from what he thinks would be unjust prosecutions. Some Democrats have called on the incoming Biden administration to investigate Trump and other members of his administration for possible crimes such as conspiring with the Russians during the 2016 campaign, illegal campaign contributions and obstruction of justice. "President Trump should pardon Michael Flynn," Gaetz said. "He should pardon the Thanksgiving turkey. He should pardon everyone from himself to his administration officials to Joe Exotic if he has to." He then added that "the radical left (has) a blood lust that will only be quenched if they come after the people who worked so hard to animate the Trump administration with the policies and the vigor and the effectiveness that delivered for the American people." Gaetz, 38, was just reelected to a third term in his heavily Republican district.

VI. Hurricane Sally – Aftermath, Cleanup Efforts, etc.

Channel 3 News at 6pm

Date: 10/01/2020

Duration: 00:01:07

Santa Rosa County has upgraded to full FEMA Public Assistance regarding Hurricane Sally damage. Gov. Ron DeSantis made the announcement today. He says federal funding will be provided for debris removal, emergency protective measures, and permanent infrastructure. This does not include individual assistance.

Channel 3 News at 10pm

Date: 10/02/2020

Duration: 00:01:07

Small businesses in Northwest Florida that were affected by Hurricane Sally are being encouraged to apply for the state's Bridge Loan Program. Governor DeSantis said that Blue Water Marina in Niceville was the first loan recipient. His office says the short term, interest free loans will help bridge the gap between the time the economic impact occurred and when small businesses can secure other financing.

Channel 3 News at 4pm

Date: 10/02/2020

Duration: 00:01:07

ECAT is launching a new temporary bus route to take passengers between Escambia County and the City of Gulf Breeze. The route will run between the Pensacola Bay Center Park and ride lot on E. Gregory Street, and the Tiger Point Community Center on Tiger Point Lake, every half hour. The busses will run between 5:30am and 8:50pm. The new route starts on Monday, October 5th.

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Channel 3 News at 5pm**Date: 10/02/2020****Duration: 00:00:34**

Channel 3 News is getting a lot of questions from Cox Communications customers about when service will be restored, due to Hurricane Sally. Cox spokesman, Cam Johnson tells us they anticipate their network will be restored by the end of tonight, but that doesn't mean everyone will have service. If you are without service, you may need to reset or reboot your equipment. There may also be damage at your home that you may not see. If you are still without service, please call 877-556-7815 to schedule a service call.

Channel 3 News at 4pm**Date: 10/02/2020****Duration: 00:02:17**

It was a tweet from congressman Matt Gatez just after 9:30am today, that we learned indivual assistance was approved by FEMA, but as Channel 3's April Baker explains, it was several hours before people could actually start applying for help. Many of you reached out to us with concerns and frustration saying the link to apply for FEMA assistance, was not working. We contacted FEMA and were told that applicants should be able to register within a few hours of the declaration being issued. When checked back in again after 2pm, and those links are now working.

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Channel 3 News at 10pm**Date: 10/05/2020****Duration: 00:00:55**

With Delta's track eerily similar to Hurricane Sally, clean-up crews are racing to get to areas most at risk as piles of debris are still waiting to be picked up. A lot of debris crews are clearing mountains of debris from the streets, but there is still plenty of it, and it has many people concerned.

Channel 3 News at 6pm**Date: 10/08/2020****Duration: 00:00:55**

One private community in Pensacola is still seeking help three weeks after Hurricane Sally's landfall. Heron's Forest is a part of a land conservation area. The private neighborhood is not included in FEMA's map to help the county. The county also isn't required to help clean up inside gated communities, but now Escambia County Commissioners have sent a letter asking FEMA to include private neighborhoods in their relief efforts.

Channel 3 News at 4pm**Date: 11/09/2020****Duration: 00:00:37**

Northwest Florida residents who were displaced by Hurricane Sally can apply for continued rental assistance from FEMA. If you received an initial grant of rental assistance from FEMA and cannot return to your primary residence, you may submit an application. The application was mailed to thousands of residents after receiving their first FEMA grant. If you did not receive the application in the mail, call the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362 (800-462-7585 TTY).

Channel 3 News at 6pm**Date: 11/09/2020****Duration: 00:01:45**

Residents called for more help from Escambia County Monday close to two months after Hurricane Sally. Robert and Patricia Mickelson just moved back into what's left of their home. For 40 days, they lived in an RV after their home flooded during the storm. "It just came right through our house like a river," said Robert. They are one of many residents who live near Johnson Ave. in Escambia County who have dealt with flooding for years. They say a nearby retention pond and drainage ditch are the problem. Both overflowed during the storm. "We lost a lot. They said they had it fixed. Sally came along and the same thing," said Robert. Steve Head shared a video of himself wading through a front yard after the storm. "It really doesn't matter if it's 10 inches, or its 20 inches or its five inches in your house. The damage is done," said Head. "My house is on that map...my house was on that map the last time." County commissioner Robert Bender acknowledging this area is prone to flooding. "The 30 inches that we received from Hurricane Sally is somewhat unprecedented, but unfortunately, we keep saying that," Bender says. He says the county and their engineers are working with the American Flood Coalition' to come up with a solution. "Where there is help to get matching dollars for projects like what we will try to do along this drainage basin. They help us at the state and federal level in securing those dollars," Bender adds. Commissioner Bender said he's also requesting a grant from FEMA to fix this drainage ditch and help the area rebuild. His district includes Pensacola Beach. No one brought up the Three Mile Bride repair during the town hall.

Channel 3 News at 6pm**Date: 11/23/2020****Duration: 00:02:14**

The City of Pensacola continues to make progress on area parks damaged by Hurricane Sally. Roger Scott Dog Park is just one of the areas opening up this week. Pensacola Parks and Recreation says there were many different cleanup projects and repairs to finish after the hurricane on top of their normal jobs. Director Brian Cooper says the first priority was clearing trees out of the streets so people could drive -- around 400 in total. Then they assessed all of the city's 93 parks and sent contractors to remove all of the damaged trees. After that, the city worked to open up the community centers and golf courses. Right now their focus is opening all of the parks with minor damage. He says some of that is fence damage put on the backburner by bigger projects. "We have fence damage at tennis centers, at ballparks, and at dog parks," Cooper said. "And obviously after a storm of this magnitude, every residential fence was damaged, every commercial fence was damaged. So the fencing companies and contractors are all busy making progress on a lot of fence projects. And unfortunately ours are kind of small in nature, so we have taken the back seat a little bit." If you want to check and see the status of parks near you, Cooper says the best tool is on their website. There, Parks and Rec updates any changes or updates to park progress daily. However, Pensacola Parks aren't on the mend just yet. There was significant damage to parks near the water. Cooper says they won't start some of those projects until they receive the FEMA funding for it.

VII. Public Safety

Channel 3 News at 5pm

Date: 10/03/2020

Duration: 00:00:46

Escambia County says burning debris from Hurricane Sally is causing health problems. They are putting a stop to this with a burn ban. It went into effect this morning at 8 and will continue until further notice. County leaders say open burns will not only cause respiratory problems, but there is an increase of fuel from Sally storm debris, raising the chance of fires.

Channel 3 News at 4pm

Date: 10/03/2020

Duration: 00:01:44

FEMA says myths and misinformation circulate after every natural disaster. Now, they are putting some of those rumors to rest and countering with facts. One myth says, if you have roommates or family living with you, they won't get any help. FEMA says, needs are evaluated on a case-by-case basis, but they are not ruled out. Be sure to tell the agency your household needs, even if you're not related to one another. Another myth is that FEMA has the final word on assistance. That is not true. Every applicant can appeal FEMA's decision within 60 days of receiving the decision. You just send your appeal to the agency's national processing service center, either online or by mail. If you have any questions, call the FEMA helpline at 800-621-3362.

Channel 3 News at 5pm

Date: 10/05/2020

Duration: 00:00:25

Santa Rosa and Escambia counties are encouraging people to prepare ahead of Delta. Their emergency management agencies are closely monitoring the storm system. To see recommended items for your hurricane kit and sand locations, please visit our website.

Channel 3 News at 10pm

Date: 10/13/2020

Duration: 00:01:07

The state is investigating reports of runoff near the 3 Mile Bridge construction site. Channel 3 News received photos that appear to show red clay washing into the bay near the Gulf Breeze end of the bridge. We went to the FL Department of Environmental Protection, and they tell us an inspector visited the site today, and the investigation is ongoing. If they find any violations, they say, the party responsible will have to clean up the site and could face fines or penalties.

Channel 3 News at 10pm

Date: 10/30/2020

Duration: 00:01:40

This election season many have said they have gotten calls or texts from parties encouraging people to get out and vote or asking to donate to their campaign. The Better Business Bureau says to beware because some could possibly be a scammer trying to steal your money or information. Bryan Auten is one of many who has gotten call after call from campaigners leaving him frustrated. "When you're sitting there and it's like okay, I've heard yall's messages, ya'll have said it to me five times, can we please stop calling me," Auten says. A spokesperson for the BBB of Northwest Florida Tammy Ward says they're seeing an uptick in those pesky text messages or robocalls. "Your public records are out there so they know if you're a democrat, republican or independent," Ward says. The callers may ask you to fill out a survey or see if you want to make campaign contributions. Ward says some are legitimate, but others aren't. The BBB says people will act like they're fundraising for a political party but instead steal the cash and your credit card information. "It's gonna be a recorded message, but basically what will happen is if you click or press 'one' that you will donate to your political party supposedly," Ward says. "You'll go to a live person, they'll get your credit card information and whatnot, but that's a scammer." So, how can you tell if a call is legitimate? Ward says sign up for the nation's 'Do Not Call' registry to be taken off a list for telemarketers. That way, if you still receive unsolicited calls it could be a scammer.

Channel 3 News – 3 in the Morning (6:00am)

Date: 11/25/2020

Duration: 00:03:02

Thanksgiving is the peak day for home cooking fires in the U.S. according to the National Fire Protection Association. Pace Fire Rescue District Chief Robbie Whitfield said it's always a busy day for them. "It picks up this time of year, historically Thanksgiving is one of the busiest times for home fires due to improper cooking and people are cooking more," said Robbie Whitfield Chief with the Pace Fire Rescue District. Frying a turkey can be hazardous, especially if it's not done correctly. Whitfield recommends said people need to be careful and follow all safety guidelines with frying a turkey. First never fry your turkey indoors, find a place outdoors with a sturdy surface and nothing that can catch on fire is nearby. Have a three foot radius around the fryer that is both kid and pet free. Next, make sure your turkey is completely thawed out. "If you have any doubt don't put it in the oil," Whitfield said. A frozen turkey will cause a fire when it hits the hot oil. Also, make sure you wear protective gloves and long sleeves. Whitfield said burns are the most common injuries they see on thanksgiving. " We want everyone to be safe have a good holiday season we just don't want any injuries so if you have any doubts or if you need a recommendation give us a call we'll answer any questions we can, we would rather you look at us as an insurances policy and not us having to be there," Whitfield said. Lastly, make sure you have a fire extinguisher nearby, do not use water to put out the fire.

Channel 3 News – 3 in the Morning (5:00am)

Date: 12/01/2020

Duration: 00:02:56

Escambia County kicked off their annual Keep the Wreath Green campaign. During the month of December, they will be keeping track of how many house fires the Escambia County Fire Rescue responds to. Wreaths will be on display at all the county fire stations, each time firefighters respond to a residential fire with damages a green light bulb will be replaced with a red one. Ray Melton, fire and life safety specialist with Escambia County Fire Rescue said it's a reminder about the importance of fire safety, especially during the colder months. "November to January are the peak time for fires, we have this cool weather in now, so people are going to start breaking out space heaters," Melton said. At a moment's notice, a simple mistake can turn into a disaster. Heating equipment is a leading cause of fires in U.S. homes, The National Fire Protection Association reports that from 2012 to 2016 most home heating fire deaths came from stationary or portable space heaters. It's recommended that you keep a space heater at least three feet away from anything that can catch on fire. "Our seniors, they get cold anyway, real quick, and they will sit with the space heater right up next to them we need to check on our senior citizens," Melton said. Also, make sure your heating equipment and fireplace are inspected and cleaned by a professional before you use them for the season. " In Florida, we don't see much of winter so we don't think about having fireplaces and things like that inspected and that's when we start getting the chimney fire," Melton said. Lastly, Melton said to make sure you have a working smoke detector, it can be life-saving. During the December 2019 "Keep the Wreath Green" campaign Melton said there were 13 house fires, but there were no fire-related deaths or injuries. "Heighten your awareness about fire safety, we take crime prevention and things like that very seriously and that's second nature we lock our doors, we should do that with fire safety," Melton said.

Channel 3 News at 5pm

Date: 12/02/2020

Duration: 00:01:57

Escambia County Emergency Officials say they were not adequately informed about a chemical leak at a local plant over the weekend. The recent chemical leak at Ascend Performance Materials reportedly lasted more than 30 hours. The concern for Escambia County Officials is why the county was not notified sooner. Escambia County Environmental Programs Manager Tim Day says when a release of any kind happens, the state is informed first, who then notifies the county. The plant is not obligated to inform the county of any spill. Day says regardless of whether there's a threat to safety, the county needs a timely notification to step in and assist with any leak. County Administrator Janice Gilley says the county wants to better understand the process and timeline of these notifications. "It's one of those situations where we do need more information. I do think Eric was very frustrated that he wasn't notified," says Gilley. "What we're trying to identify is where that breakdown was in communication." During Wednesday morning's Zoom meeting, Commissioner Jeff Bergosh presented the idea of being notified simultaneously rather than having to wait on the state to notify them. Tim Day says there's always possibilities through ordinances that the county can make it a requirement to be notified directly by the facility, but that's yet to be decided.

Channel 3 News at 10pm

Date: 12/08/2020

Duration: 00:02:42

While government officials have already warned of false COVID-19 testing kits, they are now telling people to keep an eye out for coronavirus vaccine scams. The Better Business Bureau (BBB) says scammers may try selling a fake COVID-19 vaccine or other treatments to try to cash in on the vaccine release. The BBB also warns people to watch out for phishing messages attempting to trick you into sharing your personal information or passwords. The agency adds con artists have already impersonated the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO) in phishing emails that claim to have news about the disease. An increase in scam robocalls impersonating government officials has also been reported by the BBB.

Channel 3 News at 6pm

Date: 12/09/2020

Duration: 00:00:55

Online shopping topped \$9 billion from Black Friday to Cyber Monday. All those packages are now starting to arrive - and they're a target for thieves. With one case already reported this year, Pensacola Police are bracing for a busy season. Officer Mike Wood says stealing items from porches is a step above shoplifting -- the thief is stepping on someone's property and taking something they have no idea what it is. It's something he described as the perfect crime of opportunity. "People are gonna do more online shopping this year than ever, and we believe there's gonna be more packages left on porches than ever this year," Pensacola Police Officer Mike Wood said. Pensacola Police is working to combat the crime in 2020. And they need your help. "It's not that we're looking for it, that's tough to do," Officer Wood said. "What we need is for the public to let us know when they've had thefts." Officer Wood says a lot of victims catch the theft through home security cameras and proceed to contact the carrier before calling police. But he says it should be the opposite. "You need to call the police, then call the carrier and/or the place you bought it from," he said. There are ways to prevent this altogether. Officer Wood says to see if you're package can be delivered to your workplace; have it delivered to your neighbor if you know they'll be home; or have a neighbor pick up the package as soon as its been delivered. Most porch pirates are caught during the day when they suspect no one is home. Officer Wood says they're encouraging people concerned with the issue to install a doorbell camera that have become more inexpensive in the last few years. The cameras don't only offer you the chance to witness the theft yourself, but also help collect evidence for police.

Channel 3 News at 5pm

Date: 12/11/2020

Duration: 00:01:27

Christmas Tree fires are avoidable if you are cautious and follow all the precautions, but if you don't a joyful time can turn into devastation very quickly. "Christmas trees can be very flammable so obviously they are naturally growing trees so if you cut it down their water source is removed," said Michael Osban Fire Inspector with the Midway Fire District. Channel 3 teamed with the Midway Fire District to put a tree to the test. They didn't water a Christmas tree for about two weeks, they put a flame next to the tree and it quickly caught on fire. Within 15 seconds smoke and flames were clearly visible, within the minute completely engulfed. The tree fire reached 750 to 800 degrees Fahrenheit. Osban said what is around the tree can also help fuel the fire even more. There are different lights in the Christmas tree, ornament all of that stuff is flammable," Osban said. A Christmas tree fire is avoidable, Osban said first pick a fresh tree. You'll know this when the needles do not fall off when you touch it. Next place it at least three feet away from any heat source like a fireplace, radiator, or candles. Also, make sure there are no faulty wires around on your Christmas tree lights. "having an electrical shortage light it can be very dangerous to catch the tree on fire as well as surrounding furniture," Osban said. Lastly, the most important step, make sure you are watering the tree daily. "Have a Merry Christmas be safe and try to remember to water your tree twice a day," Osban said.

Channel 3 News at 5pm

Date: 12/11/2020

Duration: 00:01:27

The city is warning citizens of fraudulent phone calls in which the caller claims to be representing the Pensacola International Airport. The City of Pensacola says it has received reports about a fraudulent phone call appearing to be from a Pensacola International Airport extension. The caller claims the individual has won a sum of money and requests bank account information to deposit the funds. "These phone calls are not legitimate and are not from Pensacola International Airport," the city says in a release. "Anyone who receives a suspicious phone call from someone claiming to represent Pensacola International Airport and asking for banking information should immediately hang up."

Channel 3 News at 6pm

Date: 12/23/2020

Duration: 00:02:57

Gulf Power is asking their utility customers to be extra careful during the holiday season. The best defense against scam artists is being aware and attentive to their tactics. Scam attempts typically increase during this time of year. Some scammers either demand immediate payment, using a prepaid debit card, or the phone call will read Gulf Power in the Caller ID. Scammers are using technology to alter their real numbers in the Caller ID field and create a voice response system that mimics the utility's own system. If you are ever unsure or threatened on the call, simply hang up and contact Gulf Power at 800-225-5797 or go online to view your Gulf Power account for verification of your account status. Channel 3 also listed several tips to protect yourself from falling victim to utility scams.

VIII. Race Relations

Channel 3 News at 6pm

Date: 11/06/2020

Duration: 00:02:35

A group of employees at an Escambia County Popeyes walked off the job Friday morning after they say a district manager told them to take off their "Black Lives Matter" and "Black Votes Matter" masks they claim to have worn since June. It took place at the Popeyes on Saufley Field Rd. The group of eight employees range from cooks to assistant managers. Some have worked there since the location opened three years ago. The workers tell Channel 3 that they've worn the masks since George Floyd's death earlier this year. They have been required to wear a face covering for several months now amid the COVID pandemic. But Friday morning, the group says the district manager told them to take off the specific masks in a manner they describe as offensive and racist. "She said something to [one employee] about it twice -- it bothered her and [she] took a picture of him," an employee said. "And also said she was sending it to our corporate manager." "If it was against the rules, where does it say that in the rule book?" another employee said. "And how can it be in the rule book? We haven't received it." "We felt that it was unfair the way she came about it," an employee said. "We didn't think it was fair. We think it was racially motivated." Right now, the eight employees plan to return to work. But they don't know where their employment stands. They say if management provides the mask policy, they will comply. "Put it in writing and we don't have a problem following your rules," an employee said. Popeyes' corporate office responded to Channel 3's request for comment on Tuesday, issuing this statement: We support both team members and the nationwide push for equality and value the diversity that makes up our brand. The franchisee's uniform guidelines are standard across all of their Popeyes locations, in line with brand standards in the U.S. and currently include tested disposable and cloth masks provided for each shift to ensure food, team member and guest safety.

Channel 3 News at 4pm

Date: 11/13/2020

Duration: 00:02:00

White Fragility, the New York Times bestseller by Robin DiAngelo, is a book about prejudice, discrimination, and systemic racism. Keisha Thomas an English teacher at Choctaw High School in Fort Walton assigned the book to her senior students. She

thought it would be timely. "We are dealing with race in our country and all over the world, why not have a safe place to talk about that. I talked about it over the summer with my principal -- share some knowledge, literature with her -- and we had a discussion and I felt supported," said Thomas. She wanted students to not only have a discussion about racism but also think critically and establish their own opinions and thoughts. But after parents saw what their students were reading, they quickly went to the school board. "I got a few calls from a parent who were appalled," she said. "'How dare you read this book?' and 'Racism is not an issue in America and you are making it one.' That, to me alone, after reading the book, was more of a reason this is why we need to read the book." The book was pulled from Thomas' lesson. This week she went in front of the school board to explain why she chose the book and why she would like it back. She is now working with the principal about ways to bring the book back next semester. "I understand you are working with your principal to come up with a curriculum to address the issues that you think need to be addressed," school board member Dewey Destin said. "And, honestly, I know that the students are ready to talk about them because anybody who I have spoken to in that age group wanted to have an open and free debate about the issues that are important in our times." Thomas hopes parents can trust her and other teachers next time around. "Lets put a little trust and support for our teachers, and understand we are dealing with a culture that deals with race and diversity, so we have to talk about it," Thomas said. Channel 3 reached out to the school district several times about the book and what their process is to get a book approved. We are still waiting for a response back.

Channel 3 News at 6pm

Date: 11/13/2020

Duration: 00:01:44

Just a week ago, Channel 3 first told you about eight Popeyes employees who were asked to remove their 'Black Lives Matter' and 'Black Votes Matter' masks while at work. They refused to do so and walked about. All are now without work. On Friday, the same incident happened at the Popeye's on Nine Mile Rd. Sedrick McQueen says he's almost always worn the mask during his two and a half months at that location. He showed up to work on Friday and claims the district manager told him to either take it off or reverse it inside out. McQueen said no and says she told him to either flip the mask or leave -- so he left. Popeyes corporate sent Channel 3 a statement on their policy earlier in the week which requires staff to wear "disposable and cloth masks provided for each shift." McQueen says his management didn't provide masks. "I feel like I've been discriminated against. There is just so much going on in America and racism needs to stop. I just feel like wearing this type of mask, or any mask with anything on it. It could be my favorite team, or anything, why are you picking on a mask?" McQueen says. He says this decision was hard. He recently finished serving prison time and uses the job to support his kids. McQueen tells Channel 3 he plans to show up to his shift tomorrow and will comply if they give him another mask to wear. In the meantime, he hired an attorney who says there are a lot of unanswered questions about Popeyes mask policy and specific circumstances surrounding that location. Channel 3 reached out to Popeyes corporate for comment and will update when we hear back.

QUARTERLY PROGRAMS AND ISSUES REPORT FOR 4th QUARTER 2020

The following is a listing of specific program descriptions of public affairs, which WEAR-TV aired to serve the community's interest during the period from October 1st, 2020 thru December 31st, 2020. Non-broadcast efforts related to on air programming are also included. This list is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority of significance.

LOCAL NEWSCASTS

"3 in the Morning" – Monday through Friday/4:30am – Duration: 02:30:00

This newscast features a mix of local, state, national, and international news coverage, with emphasis on area weather and traffic, plus local events and breaking news.

"Channel 3 News – Dayside" – Monday through Friday/11:00am – Duration: 00:30:00

"Dayside" covers local and state news, area weather, plus local features. Features include extended interviews with local physicians with topics such as disease prevention and treatment, weight loss, healthy eating, exercise, sleep and other health issues.

**Note: The above newscast was preempted on the following dates, due to ABC News Sp. Rpts:

11/05/20

11/06/20

**Note: The above newscast was preempted on the following date, due to holiday programming:

11/26/20

**Note: The above newscast was preempted on the following date, due to sports programming:

11/27/20

"Channel 3 News at 4PM" – Monday through Friday/4:00PM – Duration: 01:00:00

This newscast features a mix of local, state, national, and international news coverage, with emphasis on area weather, plus local events and features.

**Note: The above newscast was preempted on the following date, due to holiday programming:

11/26/20

**Note: The above newscast was preempted on the following dates, due to sports programming:

11/27/20

12/25/20

"Channel 3 News at 5PM" – Monday through Friday/5:00PM – Duration: 00:30:00

This newscast features a mix of local, state, national, and international news coverage, plus area weather, local events, and features.

**Note: The above newscast was preempted on the following date, due to sports programming:

12/25/20

“Channel 3 News at 6PM” – Monday through Friday/6:00PM – Duration: 00:30:00

This newscast features a mix of local, state, national, and international news coverage, plus area weather and sports, local events, and features. One of our regular features is “Angels in our Midst”, wherein we profile individuals whose selfless activities have made a difference in the lives of the less fortunate members of our community.

**Note: The above newscast was preempted on the following date, due to sports programming:
12/25/20

“Channel 3 News at 10PM” – Monday through Friday/10:00PM – Duration: 01:00:00

This newscast features a mix of local, state, national, and international news coverage, plus area weather and sports.

“3 in the Morning Weekend” – Saturday and Sunday/6:00AM – Duration: 01:00:00

This newscast features a mix of local, state, national, and international news coverage, with emphasis on area weather and traffic, as well as local weekend events and breaking news.

“Channel 3 News at 5PM” – Sunday/5:00PM – Duration: 00:30:00

This newscast features a mix of local, state, national, and international news coverage, plus area weather, local events, and sports.

“Channel 3 News at 6PM” – Saturday/6:00PM – Duration: 01:00:00

This newscast features a mix of local, state, national, and international news coverage, plus area weather and sports, local events, and features.

**Note: The above newscast only aired on the following date due to ABC Sports Programming:
12/26/20

“Channel 3 News at 10PM” – Saturday and Sunday/10:00PM – Duration: 00:30:00

This newscast features a mix of local, state, national, and international news coverage, plus area weather and sports.

ABC NEWS PROGRAMMING

“World News Now” – Monday through Friday/3:00AM – Duration: 01:00:00

Comprised of thirty-minute segments, ABC’s World News Now offers up-to-date news coverage, including a mixture of live and taped coverage of domestic and international news issues.

“America This Morning” – Monday through Friday/4:00AM – Duration: 00:30:00

This morning news program provides viewers with breaking news from around the world and across the country along with sports, weather, and financial reports. Featuring separate and distinct fifteen-minute segments, information about overnight events is constantly updated.

“Good Morning America” – Monday through Friday/7:00AM – Duration: 02:00:00

George Stephanopoulos, Robin Roberts, Michael Strahan, and Ginger Zee provide viewers with timely news reports, informative features, weather information, and up-to-the minute interviews with world leaders.

“Good Morning America” – Saturday/7:00AM – Duration: 02:00:00

Sunday/7:00AM – Duration: 01:00:00

This program provides timely reports, informative features, weather information, and up-to-the minute interviews with world leaders.

“GMA3: What You Need to Know” – Monday through Friday/12:00PM – Duration: 01:00:00

This midday program addresses the widespread issues caused by the global pandemic and offers solutions from those adjusting to a new way of life.

“World News Tonight with David Muir” –Monday through Sunday/5:30PM – Duration: 00:30:00

ABC News Anchor David Muir keeps viewers informed about world news events in this half-hour news review.

“Nightline” – Monday through Friday/12:00AM – Duration: 00:30:00

This late-night program provides viewers with compelling interviews and comprehensive reporting on topics ranging from politics and pop culture, to human interest and entertainment.

“This Week with George Stephanopoulos” – Sunday/8:00PM – Duration: 01:00:00

This news program is a pre-eminent Sunday morning discussion program, featuring newsmaker interviews and panel discussions and debates on a wide range of global issues and commentary, putting into unique perspective the preceding week’s news.

**SPECIAL NOTE: ABC Sports Programming may necessitate the pre-emption or re-scheduling of any of these news programs.

SYNDICATED PROGRAMMING

“Full Measure with Sharyl Attkisson” – Sunday/9:00AM and 10:30PM – Duration: 00:30:00

Full Measure is a weekly Sunday news program focusing on investigative, original and accountability reporting. The host is Sharyl Attkisson, and she is backed by a team of award-winning journalists. Each week, they have a cover story that explores untouchable topics in a fearless way including: immigration, terrorism, government waste, national security, and whistleblower reports on government and corporate abuse and misdeeds.

“America This Week with Eric Bolling” – Saturday/10:30PM – Duration: 01:00:00

This program is an hour-long program featuring interviews with lawmakers, administration officials, and politicians with unique commentary into the issues that matter to Americans.

“America This Week: United We Stand” – Sunday/11:00PM – Duration: 00:30:00

This news program takes an in-depth look at the issues dividing our country, the race for the White House, and the Coronavirus Pandemic, answering viewers’ questions with doctors’ interviews.

“The Armstrong Williams Show” – Sunday/4:30AM – Duration: 00:30:00

The program features human interest and political topics, including interviews with leading lights and experts from across the political spectrum.

“Small Town Big Deal” – Saturday/5:30AM – Duration: 00:30:00

Small Town Big Deal tells the stories of innovation, tradition, and success that are happening in rural places. Episodes cover small-town residents having an impact on others through their actions and notable businesses.

“Inside Edition” – Monday through Friday/12:30AM – Duration: 00:30:00

This program includes investigative reports, interviews with newsmakers, and human-interest stories.

“Inside Edition Weekend” – Sunday/4:30PM – Duration: 00:30:00

This is the weekend edition of the weekly program, covering investigative reports, interviews with newsmakers, human interest stories, as well as recaps of the prior week’s top stories.

**SPECIAL NOTE: ABC Sports Programming may necessitate the pre-emption or re-scheduling of any of these syndicated programs.

Full Measure with Sharyl Attkisson - Q4 Episode Details:

Program/episode	Date	AirTime	Duration	Description
FMS6E04100420	Oct4,2020		22:55	In many states, biological males are allowed to compete on girls’ teams in sports. A look at a new federal decision impacting the transgender divide. A look at a difficult year for farmers, facing a new challenge: COVID19. And a visit to Boston, for a look at the growing movement to erase history.
FMS6E05101120	Oct11,2020		22:55	Chicago’s spectacular homicide rate has deep roots in drug and gang connections that can be traced south of the U.S./Mexico Border. A look at some new efforts to stop the violence. And a conversation into the movement to defund police. Plus, a look at the USS Cole, 20

				years after the terrorist bombing. And is Britain in or out of the European Union, an update on Brexit.
FMS6E6101820	Oct18,2020		22:55	The US economy was on fire earlier this year, then came COVID. A look at where the Trump economy stands just weeks before the election. Plus, a look at the divide over illegal immigration, through a lens of who is paying and driving the issues on both sides. An update on missing American and thought to be CIA spy, Bob Levinson. And farmers finding a new path to success during COVID.
FMS6E07102520	Oct25,2020		22:55	President Trump promised to slash federal funds to hundreds of sanctuary cities. A look at what happened in several communities. Plus the digital campaign. How 2020 is different from all those that came before. And some facts, about fake news.
FMS6E08110120	Nov1, 2020		22:55	The 2020 Election set a record when it comes to campaign funding. A breakdown of the donors from largest to smallest. Plus, a firsthand look at what's on Hunter Biden's alleged laptop. And an investigation into the border wall, from building costs to progress.
FMS6E09110820	Nov8, 2020		22:55	Election 2020 and the media. A comparison of the coverage now to four years ago. Plus, thousands of Californians are leaving the golden state. A look at the California exodus. . Also, a look at the controversy over climate change and whether there is any merit. And honoring the heroes, a conversation with a Medal of Honor recipient.

FMS6E10111520	Nov15,2020		22:55	<i>Modifications are coming in federal Title Nine rules that dictate how sexual assault claims must be handled on college campuses. Plus, one airbag manufacturer who was forced to recall their product, and the fix that some claim is still dangerous. And entertainer Adam Carolla addresses the harms of "cancel culture."</i>
FMS6E11112220	Nov22,2020		22:55	A national emergency over U.S. access to some rare earth elements. Tracking trillions of taxpayer dollars dedicated to the Covid crisis. And a preview of Sharyl Attkisson's new book, "Slanted".
FMS6E12112920	Nov29,2020		22:55	In many states, biological males are allowed to compete on girls' teams in sports. The new federal decision impacting the transgender divide. American farmers face a new challenge: COVID19. And a visit to Boston, for a look at the growing movement to erase history.
FMS6E13120620	Dec6,2020		22:55	One of the last places in the country to get its first case of coronavirus: rural Montana. Holding Big Tech accountable for censoring news online. And the top risks and dangers people face around the world.
FMS6E14121320	Dec13,2020		22:55	The tax deduction battle between the federal government and several states. A look at the world of private military contractors and its impact on America's national security. And a different take on America's racial strife.

FMS6E15122020	Dec20,2020		22:55	One man is cleaning and changing the world through E-Waste recycling. A look at the Senate race in Georgia. An update to the Second Amendment sanctuary movement. And a follow up to what's left of the airline industry.
FMS6E16122720	Dec27,2020		22:55	Modifications to federal Title Nine rules that dictate how sexual assault claims must be handled on college campuses. A look at the Takata Airbag Recall. And entertainer Adam Carolla addresses the harms of "cancel culture."

The Armstrong Williams Show - Q4 Episode Details:

OCTOBER			
3	2039	Trump Administration & The Platinum Plan	Armstrong discusses President Trump's Platinum Plan and how it aims to uplift underserved communities and usher in prosperity.
10	2040	Doha Forum	Armstrong discusses the Doha Forum, the most established economic policy conference in the world.
17	2041	White House: Economic Opportunity Zones Pt. 1	Part 1 of Armstrong's look at the WH plan to understand and invest in forgotten communities.
24	2042	Anthony Scaramucci	Anthony Scaramucci's mission in 2020 is to make sure his old boss doesn't get re-elected. In an unapologetic interview, the former WH Director of Communications tells Armstrong why.
31	2044	48 Percent: US Senate Race in South Carolina	Candid conversations with voters in the critically important and traditionally red state of South Carolina.

NOVEMBER			
7	2043	White House: Economic Opportunity Zones Pt. 2	Part 2 of Armstrong's look at the WH plan to understand and invest in forgotten communities.
14	2045	Peter Navarro	U.S. Trade Czar Peter Navarro discusses China, NAFTA, and our country's trade policies & challenges.
21	2046	Streets of Seattle with Devon Smith	Armstrong & Devon Smith take to the streets of Seattle for an inside look at the city's ongoing BLM protests.
28	1948	MOTB Icons & Legends	Armstrong celebrates the lives & legacies of First Lady of Gospel, Shirley Caesar, former US Treasury agent Bob Brown & world-renowned neurosurgeon Dr. Ben Carson at the Museum of The Bible in Washington, DC.
DECEMBER			
5	2047	Spiritual Illness	Armstrong discusses why mankind still needs Faith in God.
12	2048	Coronavirus & The Holidays	Armstrong reminds viewers of the important COVID-19 protocols to maintain health and safety throughout the holiday season.
19	2049	Online Churches in the Covid Era	Pastor A.R. Bernard leads a discussion on how churches are adjusting to the revolutionary world of online ministry.
26	2050	Who is Kamala Harris?	Armstrong looks at VP-elect Kamala Harris' life & accomplishments.