

# Quarterly Issues & Programs Report

WZNS (FM)

Fort Walton Beach, FL

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Attached are descriptions of issue-responsive programming broadcast by this station during the reporting period.

The listed programs aired on the station during the reporting period on the days and times indicated. Each program regularly provides information or addresses current local issues of concern to listeners in the area where the station is located.

## LOCAL ISSUES ADDRESSED DURING THE QUARTER

The following are local issues of concern to the community. Programs that addressed these issues during this reporting period are listed on the following pages.

<b>Local Issue/Concern</b>	<b>Brief description of local issue or concern</b>
Social Issues	Public discourse, equality, and community action and activism, women's issues, environment, psychology
Health & Education	Public health concerns and educational information about physical health and mental health, technology
Crime & Safety	Crime, violence, police action, safety education, cyber
Military/Government Issues	Military, veterans, government affairs, history

## PROGRAMS THAT ADDRESS LOCAL ISSUES

The following programs that aired during the relevant reporting period regularly address local issues and concerns in the station's city of license and within its service area. Specific episodes and segments of these programs and the issues they addressed are listed on the following pages.

<b>Program Name</b>	<b>Schedule (Day/Time)</b>	<b>Brief Generic Description (Note whether local, syndicated or network)</b>
Viewpoints	Sundays, 6:00am	30 minute syndicated program addressing multiple issues in our community and providing additional information and resources

## ISSUE-RESPONSIVE PROGRAMMING

<b>Local Issue: Social Issues</b>
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Program	Date	Time	Duration	Description
Viewpoints	1/7/24	6:00am	10:07	<p>Synopsis: Would you consider complex, artificial intelligence systems like Open AI's, Chat GPT-4 or Google's newest release, Gemini, conscious minds? What exactly even constitutes as consciousness? We speak with two experts about this ongoing debate and what challenges lie ahead for these quickly evolving systems.</p> <p>Host: Gary Price. Producer: Tabor Brewster. Guests: Susan Schneider, philosopher, director, Center for the Future Mind, Florida Atlantic University; Kristian Hammond, AI scientist, professor, director, Masters of Science Dept., Artificial Intelligence, Northwestern University.</p>
Viewpoints	1/7/24	6:00am	1:40	<p>Synopsis: We cover what word best encapsulated 2023, according to dictionary giant Merriam Webster. Any guesses?</p> <p>Host: Ebony McMorris. Producer: Amirah Zaveri</p>
Viewpoints	1/14/24	6:00am	7:21	<p>Synopsis: For decades, science fiction was a genre written almost exclusively by white males. Now, the genre is flourishing with diverse voices, thanks in part to the trailblazing writer Octavia E. Butler. Historian Gerry Canavan discusses the obstacles Butler faced and her legacy on one of the most popular genres in American literature.</p> <p>Host: Gary Price. Producer: Polly Hansen. Guests: Gerry Canavan, professor at Marquette University and author, <i>Octavia E. Butler (Modern Masters of Science Fiction)</i>.</p>

Viewpoints	2/4/24	6:00am	7:48	<p>Synopsis: For many divorce attorneys, the beginning of the year is typically peak season for obtaining new clients. After the holiday season is over, struggling couples reassess their marriage in the new year and then, if they choose to move forward, start the process of divorce in February. We speak with prominent New York City divorce attorney Jacqueline Newman about the biggest misconceptions people have when it comes to divorce and why everyone – single or married – should keep these tips in mind.</p> <p>Host: Gary Price. Producer: Amirah Zaveri. Guest: Jacqueline Newman, divorce attorney, managing partner, Berkman, Bottger, Newman &amp; Schein.</p>
Viewpoints	2/11/24	6:00am	7:25	<p>Synopsis: Just 15.5 percent of homes on the market last year were within budget for the average American. That's the lowest percent for housing affordability ever recorded in U.S. history, according to a new report from the real estate firm Redfin. We speak with two real estate and housing experts about the large-scale increase in housing prices and mortgage loans and if there's any relief in sight this year.</p> <p>Host: Gary Price. Producer: Amirah Zaveri. Guests: Daryl Fairweather, Chief Economist, Redfin; Freddie Smith, realtor, social media producer.</p>
Viewpoints	2/18/24	6:00am	8:46	<p>Synopsis: Most Americans are well acquainted with the story of Amelia Earhart, but few have heard the name, Bessie Coleman. This fearless legend earned her pilot's license two years before Earhart became certified. This week, as we commemorate Black History Month, we cover the story of Coleman and the countless barriers she faced as an African American woman in the early 1900's set on making a name for herself in performance stunt flying.</p> <p>Host: Gary Price. Producer: Amirah Zaveri. Guest: Tanya Hart, host &amp; producer, Hollywood Live with Tanya Hart, co-producer, Flying Free Films.</p>

Viewpoints	3/3/24	6:00am	8:09	<p>Synopsis: Marvin Gaye, Stevie Wonder, Aretha Franklin. These are just some of the iconic soul artists that shaped the genre. We speak with two experts about the cultural relevance of soul music today and how current artists and organizations are carrying on the legacy of this music.</p> <p>Host: Marty Peterson. Producer: Tabor Brewster.  Guests: Mark Anthony Neal, James B. Duke Distinguished Professor, African American Studies, Duke University; Isaac Daniel Executive Director, Stax Music Academy.</p>
Viewpoints	3/24/24	6:00am	8:34	<p>Synopsis: In the early 1900's, deer almost went extinct after they were over-hunted for their meat, hides and antlers. Today, most parts of the country have a very different problem. We speak with wildlife expert Erika Howsare about our long and tangled relationship with the white-tailed deer.</p> <p>Host: Marty Peterson. Producer: Polly Hansen.  Guest: Erika Howsare, author, The Age of Deer, Trouble and Kinship with Our Wild Neighbors</p>
Viewpoints	3/24/24	6:00am	1:47	<p>Synopsis: If we spend effort recycling items, it's logical to assume that most of these bottles, cartons and boxes will be recycled and reused. However, for plastic, this is rarely the case. We talk about the plastic crisis and why it's important to cut down on the plastic you use in your daily life.</p> <p>Host: Ebony McMorris. Producer: Amirah Zaveri</p>

Viewpoints	3/31/24	6:00am	8:34	<p>Synopsis: We've all been there. You've given a presentation or had a job interview and realized afterwards that you may have used too many words like "um", "you know" or "like". While these fillers are distracting if overused, when added in moderation, they do play a very specific purpose.</p> <p>Host: Marty Peterson. Guest: Valerie Fridland, sociolinguist, professor, linguistics, English Department, University of Nevada-Reno, author, Like Literally Dude: Arguing for the Good in Bad English.</p>
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Viewpoints	1/7/24	6:00am	7:27	<p>Synopsis: We speak with illustrator and artist Tim O'Brien who's illustrated countless magazine covers over the decades. O' Brien speaks with us about his long career, the history of illustration, its evolution and how the art form is used to convey a deeper meaning or take on a singular moment in time.</p> <p>Host: Marty Peterson. Producer: Polly Hansen. Guest: Tim O'Brien, illustrator, artist.</p>
Viewpoints	1/14/23	6:00am	10:15	<p>Synopsis: In Meredith May's book, she examines the parallels between the inner workings of beehives and our society, and how beekeeping taught her numerous life lessons as a child. She also discusses the threat to bees with commercialized beekeeping and what we can do to protect these insects that are vital to our ecosystem.</p> <p>Host: Marty Peterson. Producer: Polly Hansen. Guests: Meredith May, author, <i>The Honey Bus: A Memoir of Loss, Courage and a Girl Saved by Bees</i>.</p>
Viewpoints	1/28/24	6:00am	7:26	<p>Synopsis: For years, the media has covered teacher burnout and how more and more teachers are resigning. Yet, despite this increased coverage, little has been done to improve pay, working conditions and autonomy on a large-scale for educators. Now, many schools across the country are reaching a breaking point and lower-than-average student scores are reflecting this systemic breakdown. We speak with two education experts about what needs to change and how listeners can get involved.</p> <p>Host: Gary Price. Producer: Amirah Zaveri. Guests: Becky Pringle, president, National Education Association; Lori Cash, retired first grade teacher, Columbus, Ind.</p>

Viewpoints	2/4/24	6:00am	9:21	<p>Synopsis: Trauma comes in many shapes and forms – and nearly everyone experiences trauma at some point in their life. Viewpoints speaks with psychiatrist, Dr. James S. Gordon to better understand a person’s reaction to trauma and the body’s resilience in dealing with these stressful events and situations.</p> <p>Host: Marty Peterson. Producer: Amirah Zaveri. Guest: Dr. James S. Gordon, psychiatrist, clinical professor, Georgetown Medical School, author, <i>Transformation: Discovering Wholeness and Healing After Trauma</i>.</p>
Viewpoints	2/18/24	6:00am	1:52	<p>Synopsis: A new study published in the scientific journal, <i>Nature Communications</i>, has found a potential link between gel nail treatments and skin cancer. We cover the latest research and how to advocate for your health when at the nail salon.</p> <p>Host: Ebony McMorris. Producer: Amirah Zaveri.</p>
Viewpoints	2/25/24	6:00am	7:38	<p>Synopsis: As an academic advisor, Ana Homayoun has had many conversations with students, parents, and administrators. With so much competition and so many pressures, what’s always top-of-mind is grades, college admissions and how to stand out from everyone else. But what often falls by the wayside are the fundamentals of how to create a healthy and successful life. We speak with Homayoun about why so many teens (especially in the last 10 years) seem to really struggle post-high school and how parents can better prepare their kids before they hit this breaking point.</p> <p>Host: Gary Price. Producer: Amirah Zaveri. Guest: Ana Homayoun, academic advisor, early career development expert, author, <i>Erasing the Finish Line: The New Blueprint for Success</i>.</p>

Viewpoints	2/25/24	6:00am	9:56	<p>Synopsis: Before a big presentation or test or job interview, most of us struggle with different levels of anxiety, nerves, and self-doubt. Dr. Dana Sinclair has worked with Olympic athletes, A-list actors and actresses, and even surgeons on how to overcome this performance anxiety and get back in control in a matter of minutes. We speak with her to learn how everyone can utilize these same strategies in their daily lives.</p> <p>Host: Marty Peterson. Producer: Amirah Zaveri.  Guest: Dr. Dana Sinclair, psychologist, author, <i>Dialed In: Do Your Best When It Matters Most.</i></p>
Viewpoints	3/3/24	6:00am	1:30	<p>Synopsis: We cover the unexpected death of a 7-year-old girl late last month at a beach in Fort Lauderdale. What all parents should know about this deadly phenomenon.</p> <p>Host: Ebony McMorris. Producer: Amirah Zaveri.</p>

Viewpoints	3/10/24	6:00am	8:36	<p>Synopsis: NPR journalist and co-host of “All Things Considered” Mary Louise Kelly joins us to share her story of balancing motherhood with a long-spanning, demanding career in journalism. She – like many mothers – has struggled to have it all and recounts the many tradeoffs over the years.</p> <p>Host: Gary Price. Producer: Polly Hansen. Guest: Mary Louise Kelly, co-host, “All Things Considered”, National Public Radio.</p>
Viewpoints	3/24/24	6:00am	9:03	<p>Synopsis: Why do we fear the process of getting older so much? We speak with author Caroline Paul about gaining a new perspective on aging – one that embraces adventure, new relationships and keeps us curious and growing as we age.</p> <p>Host: Gary Price. Producer: Amirah Zaveri. Guest: Caroline Paul, author, Tough Broad: From Boogie Boarding to Wing Walking – How Outdoor Adventure Improves Our Lives as We Age.</p>

Viewpoints	3/31/24	6:00am	8:50	<p>Synopsis: Millions of kids aren't meeting current reading comprehension guidelines. With so many young people falling through the cracks, what's broken within the current curriculum? What's the best way to actually teach reading? Education expert Natalie Wexler joins us to share important insights on emerging research and what parents should know.</p> <p>Host: Gary Price. Producer: Amirah Zaveri.  Guest: Natalie Wexler, education expert, author, <i>The Knowledge Gap: The Hidden Cause of America's Broken Education System - And How to Fix It.</i></p>
Viewpoints	3/31/24	6:00am	1:41	<p>Synopsis: Current exercise recommendations in the U.S. are the same for both men and women. New research published earlier this month in the "Journal of the American College of Cardiology" uncovers evidence that women may benefit much more from this type of exercise.</p> <p>Host: Ebony McMorris. Producer: Amirah Zaveri</p>

Local Issue: Crime and Safety

Program	Date	Time	Duration	Description
Viewpoints	1/21/24	6:00am	8:41	<p>Synopsis: Cannabis has grown to become a multi-billion-dollar industry in the U.S. But how much of this revenue is going to small businesses rather than large chains controlling every part of production? We discuss the current inequities and the failure to maintain a model that helps populations who've been disproportionately affected by the war on cannabis get a seat at the table.</p> <p>Host: Gary Price. Producer: Grace Galante.            Guests: Sarah Woodson, Executive Director, Founder, The Color of Cannabis; Aaron Smith, Co-Founder &amp; CEO, The National Cannabis Industry Association.</p>
Viewpoints	1/28/24	6:00am	1:54	<p>Synopsis: Frigid temperatures across the U.S. have been wreaking havoc for millions of drivers, especially electric car owners. We cover this unfolding crisis and how auto manufacturers are responding.</p> <p>Host: Ebony McMorris. Producer: Amirah Zaveri</p>
Viewpoints	2/11/24	6:00am	2:20	<p>Synopsis: Russian figure skater Kamila Valieva wowed us all at the 2022 Winter Olympics. At just 15 years old, she jumped onto the international stage, earning first place in her Olympic routines. However, this success was embroiled by controversy after she failed a drug test weeks before the competition. She was still allowed to compete as officials investigated, but now, these achievements have been wiped from record books. We cover her disqualification &amp; why this sentence sends a message to all countries competing in this year's Olympics.</p> <p>Host: Ebony McMorris. Producer: Amirah Zaveri.</p>

Viewpoints	3/10/24	6:00am	8:25	<p>Synopsis: Parole from prison is one of the key aspects of the criminal justice system. The program incentivizes good behavior, promotes rehabilitation and a successful reintegration into society. But as rates of parole have plummeted in recent years in the U.S., experts are raising doubts about the subjective nature of the process and if prisoners have the adequate tools and resources to get parole.</p> <p>Host: Marty Peterson. Producer: Polly Hansen. Guests: Ben Austen, Journalist, Author Of "Correction, Parole, Prison, and the Possibility of Change</p>
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Local Issue: Military, Economy/Financial and Government Issues

Program	Date	Time	Duration	Description
Viewpoints	1/21/24	6:00am	9:23	<p>Synopsis: Books have been taken off shelves since the colonial period, but, in recent years, more books than ever have been deemed unsuitable for young readers and are being removed from schools and local libraries. We cover the controversy by highlighting two differing perspectives on the debate.</p> <p>Host: Marty Peterson. Guests: Jonathon Friedman, director, free expression &amp; education programs, Pen America; Tia Bess, volunteer, Moms for Liberty.</p>
Viewpoints	1/21/24	6:00am	1:26	<p>Synopsis: We highlight the decades-long political fight to pass state and federal legislation that officially made the third Monday of January Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.</p> <p>Host: Ebony McMorris. Producer: Amirah Zaveri</p>

Viewpoints	1/28/24	6:00am	10:03	<p>Synopsis: It's not just a heated election year for Americans. Millions of Mexicans are also gearing up for a contentious election cycle to elect their next President and Congress. We cover Mexico's ongoing struggle to maintain a fair and equal democracy and what's at stake within the country and U.S.-Mexico relations.</p> <p>Host: Marty Peterson. Producer: Tabor Brewster. Guests: Tamara Taraciuk Broner, director, Peter D. Bell Rule of Law Program, Inter-American Dialogue; Abraham Lowenthal, Professor Emeritus, International Relations, University Of Southern California, founder, Latin America Program, Woodrow Wilson Center.</p>
Viewpoints	2/11/24	6:00am	9:25	<p>Synopsis: The space shuttle is seen as an engineering marvel and a symbol of human innovation, ingenuity, and collaboration. However, there's a darker side to the space shuttle program that's often been excluded from the mainstream narrative. This week, we uncover this story with the help of Harvard professor Matthew H. Hersch who's the author of <i>Dark Star: A New History of the Space Shuttle</i>.</p> <p>Host: Marty Peterson. Producer: Polly Hansen. Guest: Matthew H. Hersch, associate professor, history of science, Harvard University, author, <i>Dark Star: A New History of the Space Shuttle</i>.</p>
Viewpoints	2/18/24	6:00am	8:34	<p>Synopsis: In total, the NASA space shuttle program had 135 missions. You can't argue that the birth of this shuttle launched us into a new era of space exploration and innovation. But – what's not often mentioned are the controversies, setbacks, and disputes behind the scenes. Former NASA flight director and program manager Wayne Hale speaks candidly with us about the myths and facts of the NASA Space Shuttle Program.</p> <p>Host: Marty Peterson. Producer: Polly Hansen. Guest: Wayne Hale, former program manager, flight director, NASA Space Shuttle Program.</p>

Viewpoints	3/3/24	6:00am	9:24	<p>Synopsis: 2023 was the hottest year on record since global records began in 1850. We're also currently far from being on track to hit The Paris Climate Agreement – a landmark international treaty adopted in 2015 to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and limit global warming to below 2 degrees Celsius this century. We speak with anthropologist and climate policy expert Naveeda Khan about the U.N. Climate Change Conference that took place this year and how smaller, developing countries are stepping up and demanding change.</p> <p>Host: Gary Price. Producer: Amirah Zaveri.  Guest: Naveeda Khan, associate professor, chair, anthropology, Johns Hopkins University, author, In Quest of a Shared Planet: Negotiating Climate from the Global South.</p>
Viewpoints	3/10/24	6:00am	2:00	<p>Synopsis: We cover this growing movement at the polls this year as several states hold election year primaries and caucuses.</p> <p>Host: Ebony McMorris. Producer: Amirah Zaveri.</p>
Viewpoints	3/17/24	6:00am	9:03	<p>Synopsis: On Monday, April 8, a total solar eclipse will hit a large diagonal stretch of the U.S. The next event of this magnitude isn't set to happen again until 2044. We speak with eclipse expert and journalist David Baron about why a total solar eclipse is a can't-miss event worth the travel and traffic.</p> <p>Host: Gary Price. Producer: Amirah Zaveri.  Guest: David Baron, former science correspondent, NPR, author, American Eclipse: A Nation's Epic Race to Catch the Shadow of the Moon and Win the Glory of the World.</p>

Viewpoints	3/17/24	6:00am	8:38	<p>Synopsis: The 2024 Paris Olympics is set to start in just four months. While Russian athletes have been barred from representing their country, they'll still be able to compete on a neutral, no-representation status. However, there are still many lingering questions about the efficacy of anti-doping tests and if the Olympics will once again be plagued by athletes who are retroactively banned.</p> <p>Host: Marty Peterson. Producer: Grace Galante. Guests: Travis Tygart, CEO, U.S. Anti-Doping Agency; April Henning, assistant professor, International Sports Management, Edinburgh Business School, Heriot-Watt University.</p>
Viewpoints	3/17/24	6:00am	1:57	<p>Synopsis: Close to 4,000 prisoners escaped from two of the biggest jails in Haiti after local gangs unleashed a massive jailbreak. We cover the unfolding chaos in the capital city and why the future looks uncertain for this Caribbean country.</p> <p>Host: Ebony McMorris. Producer: Amirah Zaveri.</p>