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The attached issues/programs were presented on WGNT within the following newscasts:

- News 3 at 7 am, Monday - Friday 7:00 am – 8:00 am**
- News 3 at 7 pm, Monday - Friday 7:00 pm – 7:30 pm**
- News 3 at 10 pm, Monday – Friday 10:00 pm – 10:30 pm**

The information included herewith pertains to WGNT's commitment to address the issues identified by this station's viewing audience. Those issues addressed include, but are not limited to:

- Crime/Drugs**
- Economy**
- Education**
- Health**
- Politics**

This will further certify that the above information is based on my review of WGNT's program logs and other materials supplied by the staff.

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**The following summarizes a representative sample of programming that provided the most significant treatment of community issues during the past quarter. Programming frequently deals with more than one issue.**

## **CRIME:**

**News 3 at 7:00 am, January 18, 2024, Length 1:25** A renewed call to action. State Police want to find a woman wanted for a deadly crash inside the downtown tunnel. Arrest warrants are out for Dominique Goodwin. Police say she is the woman responsible for the death of a Portsmouth woman in a head on crash in the downtown tunnel last month. 43- year-old Shelby Riddick Walker died in the early morning hours of December 30th. Police say Goodwin was driving in the wrong direction and was under the influence of alcohol when she hit a car driven by walker--sadly, she was killed instantly.

**News 3 at 7:00 am, January 19, 2024, Length :35** In Portsmouth investigators is asking for any information in the suspicious death of a man near Bainbridge Avenue and prospect parkway not far from Cradock Middle School. Police tell us they responded to the residence for a "suspicious situation." When they arrived, they found a man dead inside of a vacant home. The man has not yet been identified.

**News 3 at 7:00 am, January 23, 2024, Length :40** In Hampton, police want to find who shot and killed a 17-year-old Monday night. It happened around seven on Michigan Drive. A 17-year-old was found inside a vehicle where they had been shot several times. The teen was rushed to the hospital but did not survive.

**News 3 at 7:00 am, January 23, 2024, Length :25** In Portsmouth a 15-year-old boy is dead following an early morning shooting Sunday. Police tell us this happened on North Street. Family members tell reporter Kelsey Jones, Shanarde Wilson, a first-year student at IC Norcom High School was shot in the back while walking away from an argument at a party. Police are still investigating and have not confirmed what led up to the shooting.

**News 3 at 7:00 am, February 2, 2024: Length 1:40** Length: Several instances of racist graffiti have appeared in and around area schools that includes in Chesapeake, Gloucester County, and Mathews County. Hateful images were spread in plain view right next to Primrose School off Greenfield Parkway in Chesapeake. Gloucester County Public Schools superintendent Anthony Vladu tells News 3 about three separate incidents of hateful, threatening graffiti found in his district.

**News 3 at 7:00 am, February 13, 2024, Length :30** An overnight shooting in Chesapeake where one person did not survive. This happened just before midnight around Grady Crescent. That is a neighborhood near Bainbridge Boulevard and Poindexter Street. Officers found a man who had been shot.

**News 3 at 7:00 am, February 13, 2024, Length :45** A man has been arrested and charged in connection to the abduction of a seven-month-old girl. Officers spoke with a woman who said that an acquaintance had left and taken the child with them. With the help of Suffolk Police, the child was found safe at a family member's home soon after mickle's arrest. She has been returned to her mother.

**News 3 at 7:00 am, February 13, 2024, Length :50** Cory Bigsby - father of missing little boy Codi Bigsby is expected to be back in the courtroom. This is a pre-trial motion hearing ahead of a jury trial that is still scheduled to start March 4th. Cory faces charges of murder, child abuse and neglect.

**News 3 at 7:00 am, March 12, 2024, Length :25** Our newsroom is trying to figure out what led up to a shooting where a man was seriously hurt. This happened around ten-30 last night along Haywood Drive near to High Street in Portsmouth. We know one man was shot and may not survive. Police are still looking for who pulled the trigger.

**News 3 at 7:00 am, March 12, 2024, Length 2:30** Over the last few days, police have been dealing with several violent road rage incidents in our area. Two of those cases ended with shots fired and one person dead. New three's john Hood has been following up on these incidents and explains where law enforcement is at in their investigations.

**News 3 at 7:00 am, March 18, 2024, Length :25** We are working to learn more about a deadly shooting in Portsmouth. This happened along Garfield Street, near to Norfolk Naval Shipyard. Early Sunday morning. Officers arrived to find a man shot and killed, they are still looking for who pulled the trigger.

**News 3 at 7:00 am, March 18, 2024, Length :55** Tomorrow will mark two years since three people were killed in a shooting outside a bar in Downtown Norfolk. It happened early in the morning on March 19th, 2022, outside Chico's on Granby Street downtown. Devon Harris, Marquel Andrews and Sierra Jenkins were killed, and two others were hurt. Sierra Jenkins had been a reporter with the Virginia Pilot.

## **ECONOMY:**

**News 3 at 7:00 PM January 2, 2024, Length: 2:28** Future economic opportunities are often closely aligned with population growth – but the report indicates Hampton Roads is not growing. Economists suggest the population has stalled because young people between 20 and 34 are leaving the area. News 3 caught up with students to see what it would take for them to stay in the commonwealth...

**News 3 at 7:00 AM January 11, 2024, Length: 2:39** The Federal Reserve released the Consumer Credit numbers for November. It says Americans now carry over a TRILLION dollars in credit debt.

**News 3 at 7:00 AM January 23, 2024, Length: 2:13** It has been a year since Portsmouth rolled the dice and put in a casino. Rivers Casino is one of a handful of casinos in the commonwealth and so far, it has brought in some serious cash.

**News 3 at 7:00 PM January 31, 2024, Length: 1:56** There is a new economic forecast for Hampton Roads. The annual report has just been released by Old Dominion University.

**News 3 at 7:00 AM February 6, 2024, Length: 2:21** Mortgage rates have fallen again. This is the second time they have fallen in 2024 and, currently, they are expected to keep falling into the spring and that could make housing more affordable.

**News 3 at 7:00 AM February 7, 2024, Length: 2:24** Leaders in Hampton Roads spent the day tackling the issue of housing and the lack of it, in our area. ODU, in collaboration with dollar bank, hosted a workforce housing summit.

**News 3 at 7:00 PM February 7, 2024, Length: 1:43** However princess cruise lines announced they will no longer be making historic Yorktown a stop, instead going to Norfolk. So, what does that mean for businesses both here and there?"

**News 3 at 10:00 PM February 13, 2024, Length: 2:02** Governor Youngkin Awards \$12 Million To Reduce Homelessness Across the Commonwealth. Funding will support rapid rehousing, permanent supportive housing, and support services to underserved populations in 109 localities.

**News 3 at 10:00 PM March 15, 2024, Length: 1:52** MEAC tournament is in town in Norfolk, Shamrock Marathon races are also happening this weekend in Virginia Beach. Looking at the economic impact on the region of out-of-town money being spent in our area.

**News 3 at 7:00 PM March 18, 2024, Length: 2:18** The POV (Port of Virginia) has completed part one of a two-part project to upgrade the shipping channel. The channel has been widened to allow for two-way traffic. Over the next year, Ish, the channel will be deepened.

**News 3 at 7:30 AM March 18, 2024, Length: 2:03** Bennett's Creek Farm Market was a staple in the Suffolk community for decades. Last February it suddenly closed.

**News 3 at 7:00 PM March 18, 2024, Length: 1:46** The North Carolina Court of Appeals has ruled that Currituck County leaders misspent occupancy tax (hotels, rental) money for purposes not related to tourism. To fill the hole, commissioners may have to make budget cuts or raise taxes elsewhere.

## **EDUCATION:**

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 AM January 12, 2024, Length :20** Norfolk public schools are getting nearly one-million dollars to help address violence and students' mental health. It is part of the "project prevent" grant program. It gives money to help schools create strategies to combat violence and its impact on the community.

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**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00AM, January 17, 2024, Length 2:00** There's a push to boost teacher pay once again in Virginia. A bill in the general assembly would say average teacher pay in Virginia needs to be at or above the national average. The average salary for teachers in Virginia is about 61 thousand dollars a year which ranks 22nd.

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00AM, January 22, 2024, Length :25** For months News 3's been on top of gun violence and looking for ways to combat it right here in Hampton Roads. We are covering solutions like increasing police presence, community outreach programs, cracking down on the illegal flow of guns and responsible gun ownership education.

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00AM, February 16, 2024, Length :45** There are now two new lawsuits against the Virginia department of education's model policies impacting L-G-B-T-Q-plus students. The A-C-L-U of Virginia has filed them on behalf of two students in York and Hanover counties. The state policies say in part students should only be referred to using the pronouns matching the sex on their official records and should use the corresponding restroom.

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**News 3 on WGNT at 7:30 AM, February 19, 2024, Length 1:50** Millions of crashes happen in the U-S each year... but getting your money back after a wreck can be tough. If the insurance company offers you an amount that will not cover the damage, remember you can always negotiate.

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00AM, February 27, 2024, Length :45** The department announced starting March 5th, some former military members will be able to sign up for Virginia sponsored health care without having to apply for v-a benefits first. For example, if one of your family members has served, instead of them waiting to see if their treatment is approved, they can just show documents and start getting the treatment they need.

**News 3 on WGNT 7:00AM, March 7, 2024, Length :58** The room next door is dedicated to boat building in Poquoson, recognized up and down the East Coast. Situated along the Chesapeake Bay, the water has been the anchor of Poquoson's culture for generations. Building

log canoes, which were used by waterman throughout the East Coast in the early years of crabbing, oystering, fishing, etc.

**News 3 on WGNT 7: 00a.m, March 8, 2024, Length 1:35** Over the past year we talked about scams every single month, in some cases, several times a month. News 3's following up today to run down how you can protect yourself. Always report it if you think you have been taken advantage of. You can also reach out to the news 3 problem solvers for any of your consumer issues. Email: [problemsolvers@wtkr.com](mailto:problemsolvers@wtkr.com).

**News 3 on WGNT 7:00 AM, March 11, 2024, Length 2:12** Now through the 16th is flood awareness week, enacted by Virginia Governor Glen Youngkin to urge you to know your flood risk and protect your property. Jay Ford with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation says coastal Virginia has some factors working against it when it rains.

**News 3 on WGNT 7: 00a.m, March 18, 2024, Length 2:57** In today's America forward report, we delve into a groundbreaking development as states consider innovative solutions to tackle the pressing issue of medical debt. With Connecticut leading the charge as the first state to announce plans for dissolution, others eagerly follow suit. Cancelling debt will not stop people accumulating debt. In that sense, change is sporadic and has taken different forms.

## **HEALTH:**

**News 3 at 7:00 PM, January 3, 2024, Length 4:10** A conversation with Dr. Brant Thomas, a local family physician located in Virginia Beach. Dr. Thomas shares what screenings and procedures should be done annually for a healthy routine. News 3 helps break this data down into specifics for separate age groups and genders.

**News 3 at 7:30 AM, January 9, 2024, Length 4:48** Encouraging those that may need the push to participate in Dry January. This is a practice that helps heavy drinkers cut back on the act and give their body a reset. News 3 explored "booze-free" beverage options in Hampton Roads that will help make the practice a bit easier.

**News 3 at 7:00 AM, January 12, 2024, Length 5:54** Sentara Healthcare's Pritikin Cardiac Intensive Rehab Program is the pilot for the company. It began a little over a year ago. Participant outcomes have been positive. The takeaway is that while the Pritikin program works well for those overcoming cardiovascular issues, it also serves as a beneficial eating lifestyle especially for those with a challenging family heart health history.

**News 3 at 7:00 AM, January 26, 2024, Length 1:50** An increase of flu, COVID-19, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), and other respiratory illness cases in Hampton Roads, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports. News 3 shares ways people can prevent illness in their homes – including wearing masks more often. Bringing awareness of contagious illnesses and the way you cannot protect yourself and others around you.

**News 3 at 7:00 AM, February 1, 2024, Length 4:57** The Virginia Department of Health reports breast cancer as the leading diagnosed cancer in Virginia. A follow-up on an artificial intelligence program used at Riverside Health System. News 3 follows its own engineer Hannah Bocks as she has her screenings analyzed in real time sharing a patient's perspective.

**News 3 at 7:30 AM, February 11, 2024, Length 4:05** News 3 anchor, Kurt Williams, shares his personal journey with prostate cancer. He spreads awareness of the importance of getting tested for prostate cancer and the benefits of early diagnosis. He speaks with a support group and a pastor whose church offers free prostate cancer screenings.

**News 3 at 7:30 AM, February 19, 2024, Length 3:33** Virginia Beach delegates asking for state funding for an Emergency Response Toxic Exposure Grant Fund. The bill states that money could be used to test first responders for cancer who responded to the Navy Jet that crashed on Good Friday in the year 2012. News 3 investigates why the police union wants more testing for all who were there that day.

**News 3 at 7:00 PM, February 24, 2024, Length 4:21** Black women increasingly experience higher levels of stress, anxiety, depression, and burnout more than other demographics. However, there has been a stigma in the Black community about seeking help. News 3 anchor, Jessica Larche, and Hampton psychologist, Dr. Kristie Norwood have a one-on-one conversation explaining ways that Black women can overcome cultural stigmas.

**News 3 at 7:00 AM, March 4, 2024, Length 2:35** Bringing awareness to Endometriosis, a disease where uterine tissue grows outside of the uterus. It can be debilitating for women causing abdominal bloating, pelvic pain, heavy periods, etc. The pain can be so overwhelming that it can take women out of work and daily life. News 3 speaks with an OBGYN who has Endometriosis discovering how big of a problem it is in the Hampton Roads area, how it can be treated, and whether any studies on the disease have been done locally.

**News 3 at 7:00 PM, March 4, 2024, Length 2:35** Legislation being introduced in Virginia that would provide funding for "recovery schools." This would be to create a regional school for children with drug and alcohol problems. News 3 ran a story on a woman in 2022 who lost her daughter to a drug overdose 10 years ago. We followed up on her efforts to bring a recovery school to Virginia Beach as a school board member.

**News 3 at 7:00 AM, March 6, 2024, Length 2:24** U.S. Senator Tim Kaine, a member of the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee hosted a roundtable with local in-vitro fertilization (IVF) participants and providers in Norfolk. The discussion surrounds the need to protect IVF access in Virginia and across the nation. This is following the Alabama Supreme Court ruling that restricted IVF access.

**News 3 at 7:00 PM, March 11, 2024, Length 2:39** The Western Tidewater Regional has seen a rise in the number of elderly patients that have been arrested at nursing homes and other government housing situations. There are issues with not having anywhere to release the people

when they leave jail because no one will take them and the jail cannot keep them or put them out on the street when they are in a wheelchair, sick or cannot walk.

## **POLITICS:**

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 AM on Jan 4, 2024, Length 2:00** As we enter the new year, it is shaping up to be an impactful one in the world of politics. Ahead of the presidential election, Joe Biden is campaigning as the candidate to maintain democracy. He is expected to face off against former President Donald Trump. Conservative pundits argue that the future of democracy is not on the line.

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 AM on Jan 10, 2024, Length 1:45** Today is the first day of the Virginia General Assembly session of 2024. Leaders in the state capital are expected to discuss high-profile topics – including changes to income and sales tax, gun control and abortion rights. Any bills that pass the state house and senate will have to be signed by the governor.

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 AM on January 15, 2024, Length 2:00** Governor Glenn Youngkin has expressed openness to toll relief discussions that would impact local drivers. The governor is calling for the elimination of the personal property tax – and looking for support to bring the Wizards and Capitals to Northern Virginia. All eyes are on Richmond as leaders discuss the state budget and what could impact your wallet.

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 AM on January 31, 2024, Length :45** Ahead of tax season, some filers are watching Congress about proposed changes to the child tax credit. If Congress passes the proposal, lower income parents could be able to benefit when filing. It is unclear if leaders will vote on this in time for it to take effect for the 2023 filing season.

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 PM on February 12, 2024, Length :30** In Virginia Beach, Vicki Manning has announced she will not run for reelection. This after two terms on the city's school board. She played a vocal role in the push to pass the state's model policies regarding LGBTQ+ students. Manning says she plans to stay involved in education.

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 AM on Feb 28, 2024, Length :30** GOP candidate Nikki Haley visited Virginia today. This comes after her primary loss to Donald Trump in her home state of South Carolina. Even though experts say there is not a path for her to win the nomination, Haley has vowed to stay in the race for Super Tuesday.

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 AM on Feb 28, 2024, Length :30** GOP frontrunner Donald Trump is set to visit the Commonwealth on the campaign trail. The former president is holding a rally in Richmond, just days after his main competition Nikki Haley visited Virginia. Both candidates hope to see their efforts pay off on the upcoming Super Tuesday primaries.



**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 PM on February 29, 2024, Length 2:00** The Codi Alert bill is sitting on Governor Glenn Youngkin's desk – after passing the General Assembly earlier today. The measure is named after missing Hampton child Codi Bigsby, who was reported missing in January 2022. The bill would create a new missing child alert system that would not need fear of abduction to be sent out.

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 PM on March 13, 2024, Length 2:00** Several bills impacting families and paid caregivers are now headed to Governor Youngkin's desk. During COVID, Virginia allowed parents to be paid caretakers for kids with developmental disabilities. Funding for the program was set to end, but this new bill wants to extend coverage to those providing care.

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 AM on March 14, 2024, Length 2:00** Governor Youngkin has signed a bill protecting same-sex marriage in the Commonwealth. The bill says no one shall deny a marriage license based on sex, gender, or race. Virginia's state constitution still has a ban on same-sex marriage, which was voided by the Supreme Court decision legalizing it. There is a push to amend the state constitution to remove that amendment.

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 AM on March 21, 2024, Length 2:10** House prices and interest rates continue to rise, and the Federal Reserve has declined to cut rates. There are several ways political leaders could enact housing relief. The Fed Reserve could cut rates later in the year and the outcome of the 2024 presidential election could also change things.

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 PM on March 29, 2024, Length :30** Governor Glenn Youngkin has vetoed a bill that would have increased Virginia's minimum wage to \$13.50/hr. next year and then to \$15/hr in 2026. The governor says his decision is because the hike would force families and businesses to shoulder extra costs.