

4th Quarter 2019 FCC Report

October

CyberSecurityMonth1001s TRT: 1:06 October is National Cyber Security Awareness month and it comes in the wake of attacks on local and state governments that have cost millions to fix. Lynn Hatter reports business and state leaders are urging Floridians to get smart about their online protection.

Billydeanpartone1002d Trt: 4:52 Ken Burns' recent PBS series on the history of country music was a profound experience for millions of viewers. One of those viewers was Billy Dean, the Quincy native who achieved country music stardom and has now returned to his North Florida roots. In this first of a two-part series of reports, Tom Flanigan sat down with Dean to get his take on the current state of country music.

MarkelCase1002ss TRT: For two days, Luis (Lou-is) Rivera sat on the witness stand in the murder trial for slain Florida State University Law Professor Dan Markel. Rivera has already pled guilty to his role in the slaying and told the court the job was setup by Katherine Magbanua (Mag-BAN-Wah) and Sigfredo Garcia. Blaise Gainey has the latest.

850MentalHealth10319SS TRT: 3:38 Last year, after Hurricane Michael wrought havoc in the Panhandle, school officials began raising concerns about an emergent mental health crisis among students. Bay County Superintendent Bill Hussfelt said in the 6 months following the storm, 50 kids had been involuntarily held for mental health treatment through the Baker Act. But Regan McCarthy reports in the first two months of this school year, 50 students have already been institutionally committed.

Lifetown1003D TRT 3:25 There's a vision of a place in Tallahassee where disabled kids and adults can learn and work. Plans are underway to make Lifetown a reality, and fundraisers -- including a concert at The Moon later this month -- will help.

Fallinfrenchtown1004d Trt: 4:23 One of Tallahassee's oldest neighborhoods will soon be telling its story through the voices of its most prominent residents, even though they are no longer alive. Tom Flanigan reports Frenchtown's historic celebration will play out over four upcoming weekends.

MarkelCase1004CR trt: The trial for the murder of FSU Professor Dan Markel is now on its 6TH day. Testimony has focused on the family of his ex-wife, Wendi Adelson. The state claims her family is responsible for Dan Markel's death, specifically her brother, Charles Adelson better known as Charlie. His ex-girlfriend and a dental assistant who worked at the Adelson Institute were called to testify. Blaise Gainey has the details.

MarkelTrialDaySix1004v TRT: 1:01 A Leon County jury heard testimony about cell phone calls and bank records as the murder trial for a slain Florida State University law professor continued on its 6th day. Lynn Hatter has more.

McGheeAthletesBill1004cr2Way TRT 6:30 Following California's lead, Florida became the second state to introduce legislation pushing to allow collegiate athletes to profit from their name and likeness. Ryan Dailey spoke with Senate Minority Leader Kionne McGhee, who recently filed a bill to do just that -- and it's got the attention of much of the sports world.

HurricaneMichaelPTSD1007D TRT 3:52 One year after category 5 Hurricane Michael made landfall near Mexico Beach, children and adults are still struggling with the catastrophe and the changes. Homes and schools were damaged, livelihoods were destroyed, and recovery has been slow. Gina Jordan reports.

Amend4Rally10719SS TRT:2:35 Voting-rights advocates continue comparing Florida's new elections law to a poll tax. The law implements an amendment passed by voters in 2018 that aimed to automatically restore voting rights for most felons once they complete their sentence. But the law includes fines, fees and restitution as part of the sentence. Advocates say for many felons, that means their rights will never be restored. Now WFSU's Regan McCarthy reports the battle is in federal court.

TimberIndustry1007D TRT 5:34 Following Hurricane Michael's destructive path through Florida's panhandle, headlines painted a grim future for timber, a major industry in the region. The losses were huge – valued at \$1.3 billion dollars. Yet not all was lost. And Ryan Dailey reports some lumber and paper mills in the region are still going strong.

MarkelTrialDay8_1008s TRT: 1:29 Defense attorneys are picking apart the state's evidence in the trial for the two people accused of murdering Florida State University Law Professor Dan Markel. Lynn Hatter lawyers for one of the two defendants say their client wasn't involved and that the state has unfairly cherry-picked evidence in the case.

MichaelMilitary1011D TRT: A year ago, Hurricane Michael steamrolled through the Florida panhandle, destroying nearly everything in its path. Three military bases were along its route--Tyndall AirForce, the Navy's naval support facility, and the U.S. Coast Guard. Blaise Gainey reports on what they've been doing to fix what the storm broke.

DeSantisTeacherPay1011CR TRT: 3:16 Governor Ron DeSantis is backing pay raises for teachers. But that comes with quite a few caveats. And Lynn Hatter reports while that's something teachers themselves have lobbied for, for years, it's being met with everything from cautious optimism to skepticism in some quarters.

Bostonfestival1011d Trt: 3:34 The community of Boston, Georgia just northeast of Thomasville may be small. But Tom Flanigan reports its residents know how to have big fun and everyone is invited to the community's party that happens October twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth.

Cobbclock1014d Trt: 3:52 One of Tallahassee's oldest public schools is trying to restore an important part of its history, while also adding some new technology to its campus. Tom Flanigan reports the school is reaching out to the community for help.

MatlowOfficeHours1014d TRT 3:49 It's been almost a year since the Tallahassee Commission got three new members, bringing a new era at City Hall. Ryan Dailey recently went to Commissioner Jeremy Matlow's open office hours to get his thoughts on the first year with the group.

MarijuanaCitation101419SS TRT: 3:06 Leon County commissioners are looking into a plan to give people more leniency when they're caught with small amounts of marijuana. Regan McCarthy reports the commission will take up a draft civil citation ordinance during its meeting this evening.

Stuartwoods1015d Trt: 3:20 The person who may now hold the title of “most prolific living American author” is coming to Tallahassee. Tom Flanigan spoke with novelist Stuart Woods.

Tamapowwow1015d Trt: 3:56 After Hurricane Michael literally blew away the event last year, Tom Flanigan reports South Georgia’s signature celebration of Native American culture will be held this weekend near Whigham.

NewTPDStation1016d TRT: 1:56 Residents of the South Side of Tallahassee filled up the seats in Wednesday’s City Commission meeting. For the most part they were there for one reason: To speak for or against the City of Tallahassee Police Department headquarters being on the south side. The cities staff is recommending narrowing the list of five potential sites to two, if the commission approves the south side location wouldn’t make the cut. WFSU’s Blaise Gainey has the story.

Volunteers1016d Trt: 4:24 The first anniversary of Hurricane Michael is over, but the storm’s ravages persist, especially in the more rural regions of the Florida Panhandle. As Tom Flanigan reports, much of the relief work is being done by tireless groups of volunteers.

TeacherPayTalk1017ss TRT: 1:28 Governor Ron DeSantis is pitching pay hikes for teachers but it’s up to state lawmakers to figure out the details—like whether the state can afford the 600 million dollar price tag, where the money will come from, and exactly who could get a raise. Lynn Hatter has more

MetroNet1017d TRT: 1:11 WiFi speeds in Tallahassee could soon get a boost. MetroNet is spending \$75 million dollars to install fiber optic technology to provide Internet, TV and more in the capital city. Blaise Gainey has the details.

WeedPsychosis1017cr TRT 3:22 There’s a chance Florida voters will be presented with a constitutional amendment legalizing recreational marijuana on the 2020 ballot. This week, Florida House committees heard from a Harvard Psychobiologist who warns of legalizing the plant, and from the nation’s first state “pot czar.”

HurricaneHousing101819CRD TRT: 5:08 Housing remains a major issue in the Panhandle following Hurricane Michael. The storm destroyed many of the homes –leaving families doubled up in partially destroyed homes, living in camping trailers or in some cases, even tents. Repairs are moving slowly—partly because many of the homes in the area were not insured and saving up to rebuild takes time. But that’s not the only reason for the delay. Construction crews are overworked, and with no place to stay, new crews can’t come into the area. But, as Regan McCarthy reports a new infusion of cash is heading to the Panhandle specifically to help rebuild homes and rental properties for low income earners.

PillDepository101819CRD TRT: 2:31 When a person undergoing cancer treatment dies Florida law allows their sealed, unused medications to be donated. But some say that practice shouldn’t be limited to cancer medicine only. Regan McCarthy reports a bill filed for the upcoming legislative session would create a prescription drug donation repository.

Celebritychef1018ss Trt: 2:36 Besides attracting thousands of students, Tallahassee Community College has also been attracting some of the country’s most celebrated cooks. As Tom Flanigan reports, these kitchen magicians have been helping the school raise money for its academic programs.

Seasonedlocal1018ss Trt: 3:11 The changing of the seasons is upon us. And Tom Flanigan reports that also means a change in the Tallahassee area’s seasonal promotion campaign to attract tourists.

TollRoads1018CR trt: 2:32 North Florida could be getting its first major toll road thanks to a bill signed by the Governor this summer. It's one of three new major roadways to be built in the state. One would connect Collier County to Polk County, another extends the Florida Turnpike west to Suncoast Parkway and the third expands the Suncoast Parkway from Tampa Bay to Georgia. A task force was put in place for each section but a member on the Northern Turnpike Connector thinks plans are moving too fast. Blaise Gainey has the story.

ClimateAttention1018CR TRT: 2:31 More evidence of a shift in thinking arose this week among Florida's Republican leaders when it comes to climate change. Gina Jordan reports a Senate Committee held a panel discussion focused on climate change forecasts and how state agencies should prepare for it.

TaleTwoTeams1021ss TRT: 2:53 Once NCAA champions, The FSU Seminoles can't seem to win this year. Their most recent loss was to Wake Forest. Meanwhile, the FAMU Rattlers are triumphing this season, becoming top in their division. Robbie Gaffney reports on a tale of two football teams.

Galrecruit1022d Trt: 3:41 The program that looks out for children who find themselves in the legal system through no fault of their own finds itself in need of help. Tom Flanigan reports cases of domestic violence; substance abuse and fragmented families are on the rise in North Florida.

ReEntryFacility1022d TRT: 1:36 The Leon County Sheriff's Office opened two new facilities this week, both geared toward helping inmates prepare for life after incarceration. WFSU's Blaise Gainey attended the ribbon cutting ceremony.

WhiteLiberalsVillageSquare1022d TRT 5:06 Tallahassee organization The Village Square is known for its events based around conversations involving political and social issues – some of which are meant to take people out of their comfort zone. The title alone for its event this Thursday has already sparked some chatter locally, and Village Square director Liz Joyner expects a spirited discussion. Ryan Dailey spoke with Joyner and Funmi Ojetayo, a panelist for the event, to find out where the idea came from.

BarbaraPetersen1023TW TRT 3:21 For 25 years, Barbara Petersen has served as president of the First Amendment Foundation. She's been on a continuous quest to keep government dealings in the sunshine and hold lawmakers accountable when they withhold records from the public. She's retiring from the job at the end of the year. Her replacement is Pamela Marsh, a former US Attorney in North Florida. Gina Jordan recently spoke with Barbara Petersen about what's at stake as a new leader is ready to take up the cause.

AbortionRights1023cr TRT: 2:11 Under a potential law, teens would need consent from their parents to get an abortion. Abortion-rights advocates gave lawmakers an earful Tuesday. Robbie Gaffney has more.

Dervampry1023ss Trt: 2:54 Halloween is coming up. And Tom Flanigan reports a surprisingly appropriate place to spend that evening is Florida State University's Ruby Diamond Concert Hall.

RivkeesCapReport1023cr TRT 3:27 With legislators back in Tallahassee for their respective committees, State Surgeon General Scott Rivkees has been giving updates on the health challenges facing Florida. Ryan Dailey reports Rivkees warns lawmakers that vaping-related illnesses are ticking up in number.

Mammomachine1024d Trt: 3:28 October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Tom Flanigan reports a Tallahassee clinic has installed a new and powerful tool in the fight against breast cancer.

SportsMedia1024 TRT: 1:09 The N-C-A-A bans college athletes from profiting off their name, image, or likeness. California introduced a bill allow the athletes to earn money and Florida is following its lead. Robbie Gaffney has more.

TollRoad1024d TRT: 1:27 M-CORES, the group assigned with pitching ideas on where three new turnpikes in Florida would go has been gathering public input. They already have construction set to start in 2022, but the majority of public comment has been from people who don't want it. Blaise Gainey reports.

Coolmeds1028d Trt: 3:40 For most people, the loss of refrigeration when the power goes out isn't much more than an inconvenience. But for those whose critical medicines need to stay cold, lack of refrigeration can be life threatening. Now a class at the FAMU/FSU College of Engineering is determined to solve the problem.

GoadEthics1028ss TRT 1:59 Four-fifths of the Tallahassee City Commission is backing City Manager Reese Goad's job performance, as one commissioner is calling for his job. Ryan Dailey has more.

VotingRights1029s TRT: 1:02 Florida leaders are weighing in on a bill that would require employers to check a potential employee's immigration status through a program called e-verify. Blaise Gainey reports.

ERNew1030ss TRT: 1:36 A new emergency room is set to open in Tallahassee's Southwood neighborhood. But It won't have a hospital attached to it. ERs that stand alone are becoming more common. Robbie Gaffney has more.

SeafoodFest103019SS TRT: 3:01 The Apalachicola Seafood festival kicks off this weekend. Last year the event came just weeks after Hurricane Michael wrought havoc on the small coastal town. This year, it comes just day before a Federal court hears arguments in a case that could significantly change the community's future. Regan McCarthy has more....

ShankarV1031TW TRT: 6:11 NPR's Hidden Brain podcast recently celebrated its fourth anniversary, and the radio show is now two years old. We regularly hear the host, Shankar Vedantam on Morning Edition as NPR's social science correspondent. Gina Jordan recently spoke with him about his work.

November

FlaEducationWrap1101cr TRT 4:14 When he took office, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis set his sights on weeding out common core in K-12 education. Now, the governor says its replacement standards will be rolled out soon. Ryan Dailey reports in the meantime, 'the Nation's Report Card' shows reading proficiency in the state has fallen in the past two years.

TeacherPay1101CR TRT: 4:04 Florida is near the bottom in the nation when it comes to teacher pay. Governor Ron DeSantis wants to change that by raising the base salary. But the state's largest teacher union says the governor's plans don't go far enough. Blaise Gainey has the story.

TallyPoliceChiefs1104s TRT: 2:41 Antonio [GILL-ee-um] Gilliam, Lawrence [REH-vull] Revell, and Lonnie Scott are the finalists for Tallahassee's new police chief. Robbie Gaffney reports the city is looking for someone who can reduce gun violence and improve relationships with communities of color.

Electionsecurity1104ss Trt: 2:43 Confidence in the security of Florida's elections was shaken earlier this year with the revelation that two counties' systems had been hacked. But now, as Tom Flanigan reports, federal and state authorities have joined forces to prevent future assaults.

FloridaForever1104ss TRT 1:20 Five years after an amendment was added to Florida's constitution to squirrel away money for buying conservation lands – the groups that pushed it are uniting behind a new common goal. Ryan Dailey has more.

ElectSecretary1105s TRT: 1:05 Florida's Secretary of State is an appointed position but before 1998 it was an elected office. Now lawmakers in both chambers have filed a bill to reverse that change. Blaise Gainey has the details.

ElectionChanges1105d TRT: 2:44 Orlando area lawmakers are proposing a bill that would help ensure every qualified citizen in Florida is able to vote. As Blaise Gainey reports the legislators say changes are needed sooner rather than later.

VisitFlorida1105s TRT: 1:22 Florida's tourism and marketing agency has powerful supporters the state senate Now one of its committee has backed a bill keeping the agency around for the next eight years. But as Lynn Hatter reports, Visit Florida's survival largely depends on the house.

Vetsfilmfest1105d Trt:4:07 Florida State University's yearly screening of a film connected to Veterans' Day is coming up this Thursday evening (11/7). But Tom Flanigan reports this year's event will differ from its predecessors in many ways.

SunscreenBill1106ss TRT: 2:51 Florida lawmakers are trying to overrule Key West's ban on certain sunscreen sales. They want the state – and not cities to regulate sales. Robbie Gaffney reports the proposed law is moving up through the legislature.

Monticellohunchback1106ss trt: 2:40 The musical version of the Victor Hugo classic "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" is coming to the historic Monticello Opera House starting this weekend. Tom Flanigan reports audiences may find this performance more than usually relevant to the present day.

HurricaneMatching11619SS TRT: 1:19 Florida's Director of Emergency Management says finding local money to match federal funds is one of the biggest issues facing communities after Hurricane Michael. Regan McCarthy has more....

WaterWars11719SS TRT: 1:27 Is Florida getting its fair share of water streaming into the Apalachicola Bay and is there something Georgia can be doing to help? Those are questions now before a U.S. Supreme Court appointed special master. Regan McCarthy reports Paul Kelly Jr. heard arguments in the case Thursday in New Mexico

EpsteinDeath1107d TRT:2:44 Last year, an investigative series by the Miami Herald brought wealthy financier and convicted pedophile Jeffery Epstein back into the spotlight. Reporting revealed he was given special treatment during his conviction. That story triggered new interest in the case, and Epstein was jailed earlier this year in New York on federal child sex trafficking charges. In August, he was found

dead in his cell, his death was ruled a suicide. But one pathologist who attended an autopsy on Epstein is challenging that ruling. WFSU's Blaise Gaaney has the story.

PoliceChiefDrama1107ss TRT: 1:56 Leon County Commissioner Bill Proctor is asking the city to disqualify a candidate for Police Chief. Earlier this week, the city announced finalists for the job. Robbie Gaffney reports one of the candidates shot and killed a black man while on duty in 1996.

FAMUmmj1107ss TRT 2:11 Florida A&M University's Medical Marijuana Education and Research Initiative is developing a pilot program to teach K-12 students about medicinal cannabis. Ryan Dailey reports the program will start at the University's developmental research school.

SeguraTrial1107s TRT: 1:05 Prosecutors in the case against Henry Segura showed the jury a video of an interview between him and investigators that they argue show Segura is guilty in the 2010 murder of Brandi Peters. Segura's son was one of the three children killed alongside their mother. Lynn Hatter has more.

Epilepsyevent1107d Trt: 3:43 Despite advances in treatment, epilepsy remains a reality for millions of Americans. Tom Flanigan reports the organization that helps those in this region who have epilepsy is looking for some help itself.

HospitalRatings1107v TRT: 1:15 The hospital ratings group Leapfrog has released its 2019 report and Lynn Hatter reports there's a wide gap in the performance of the region's main hospitals.

FrenchtownTrail1108s TRT: 1:25 The Frenchtown Historical Marker Trail was unveiled today by the city of Tallahassee and John G. Riley Museum. Robbie Gaffney reports the trail has sound boxes that play 'oral histories' of the area.

BaxleyMarriageBill1108cr TRT 3:35 Citing what they say is a tremendous public and private cost to Floridians from divorce, two Republican state legislators want to create a "Florida Guide to Healthy Marriages." Ryan Dailey has the details on a bill filed for the coming session.

Womencanrun1112ss Trt: 2:48 Tallahassee's Oasis Center for Women and Girls is hosting another "Women Can Run" seminar for female office seekers tomorrow (on Wednesday.) Tom Flanigan reports the event coincides with an emerging trend.

K9biz1113d Trt: 4:19 What began as a way to soothe his own post-combat anguish has become a national business for a North Florida veteran. Tom Flanigan spoke with the founder and C-E-O of Madison-based "Top Tier K-9."

FSARally1113s TRT: 1:03 A student-led group is asking Florida lawmakers to fund programs that would help students who are homeless and hungry. Robbie Gaffney reports lawmakers are taking notice.

NatlPopularVote1113cr TRT 4:46 A proposed interstate agreement that would create a true popular vote election is moving across the nation. This week, one of the plan's original authors talked with state lawmakers during a lunch and learn event. WFSU's Ryan Dailey heard from Vik Amar (uh-mar) about the idea he hatched nearly two decades ago.

Goodwoodprohibition1114d Trt: 3:47 Tallahassee's Goodwood Museum and Gardens is tapping the nostalgia connected with the Prohibition Era as a theme for its upcoming fundraiser. Tom Flanigan reports there are historical links between that time period and the old Goodwood Mansion.

IBudgetTalk1114D trt: 4:02 In the upcoming months state lawmakers will grapple with a decision: how to stabilize the budget of one of its healthcare agencies. The agency for persons with disabilities has run deficits in most years since it was created in the early 2000's. Lawmakers have become increasingly frustrated about constantly having to backfill those deficits. But Lynn Hatter reports advocates are concerned over which chamber will get final say over how the agency moves forward.

MandatoryMinimums111519CRD TRT: 3:13 Lawmakers are looking into a revamp of the state's mandatory minimum sentencing requirements for low level drug users. Some say the move could save the state money and cut down on recidivism. Others argue the current system works as a deterrent and helps to keep crime at bay. Regan McCarthy has more....

Diabetesride1115d Trt: 3:08 This weekend's weather is expected to be partly cloudy and cool, nearly ideal for a nice, long bike ride. And if you're going to ride, Tom Flanigan spoke with a lady who suggests that ride be for a worthy cause.

621auction1115ss Trt: 1:51 All this month, Tallahassee's 6-2-1 Gallery in Railroad Square has been showing off all the works that will soon be auctioned off. Tom Flanigan says time is running out for area art lovers to choose the targets of their affection.

Tallywinds1118ss Trt: 2:28 The Tallahassee Winds plays its second concert of the season tomorrow (Tuesday) evening at Florida State's Opperman Music Hall. Tom Flanigan spoke with one of the performers about the evening's playlist.

WhatAreWaterWars11819CRD TRT: 5:23 A judge appointed by the U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments this week (last week) in the so called Tri-State Water Wars. The case stems from a fight over how Florida, Georgia, and Alabama should share the water flowing down into the Apalachicola River. Regan McCarthy looks into some of the history of the fight and what's likely next.

SmokeyHollow1119D TRT: 6:04 WFSU Public Media was awarded a grant from PBS this year for an initiative known as Retro Report. The grant was for coverage of historical roots surrounding local stories -- and how those stories fit into the national narrative of our country. WFSU News produced two stories in conjunction with WFSU-TV related to housing, public health, and civil rights. Today, we're sharing our story about Tallahassee's Smokey Hollow neighborhood -- and lessons not learned from its demise in the 1960's.

SexEdConversionTherapy1119s TRT: 3:40 Activists want Florida to be the 16th state to ban conversion therapy. The practice is known for trying to change someone from gay to straight. Awareness of LGBTQ issues is on the rise, however, the community is still not widely accepted. Robbie Gaffney reports in Florida—the clash is apparent.

Thanksgivingdinner1120ss Trt: 2:01 Thanksgiving is always a time to reconnect with family and friends. But for those who have lost that connection, Tallahassee has long offered a free holiday dinner for those who would otherwise go without. Tom Flanigan spoke with one of those who makes it possible.

Batayla1121d Trt: 3:22 You may have heard news stories about the recent workers' demonstrations and protests in Haiti. Tom Flanigan reports a fascinating new documentary film on that struggle and its connection to America will be screened for the first time anywhere this weekend in Tallahassee.

Rainfall1121ss TRT 1:15 After an exceptionally dry August and September, the Big Bend saw some relief in rainfall during the latter half of October. But Ryan Dailey reports the region is still at a significant rainfall deficit, accounting for a moderate drought.

Flu&vaccinations1122cr Trt: 3:57 Once again, it's that time of year. Thanksgiving is coming up. The year end holidays are right around the corner. And Tom Flanigan reports it's also the start of another flu season.

BallotOrderScheme1122cr TRT 3:33 Ahead of the 2020 election, a federal judge in Florida ruled against upholding a 70-year-old law that places the party controlling the governor's mansion first on ballots. Ryan Dailey spoke with a professor of constitutional law who breaks down the ruling – and points out some

LagoaAppointed1122CR TRT 3:44 Governor Ron DeSantis will have to make two new appointments to the Florida Supreme Court after the U.S. Senate okayed moving two justices to federal court positions. The Judicial Nominating Commission is the group in charge of vetting the applications before sending a list of recommendations to the Governor. Blaise Gainey spoke with Leon County Attorney Jason Unger about the process.

EVerify1125s TRT: 1:00 Governor Ron DeSantis wants both public and private Florida employers to use e-verify. He announced the news today in The Villages. Blaise Gainey reports.

EducationBudget1126cr TRT 4:42 Florida Governor Ron DeSantis is calling the 2020 legislative session the 'Year of the Teacher.' DeSantis recently rolled out his budget asks. Ryan Dailey has more on the requests, and the reaction from the statewide teachers' union.

DoubleVote1126CR TRT: 3:30 Backers of a state constitutional amendment proposal are trying to make it harder for the document to be changed. The plan has more than half the required signatures to go before voters next year and is in the middle of a state budget review. Blaise Gainey has more.

FAMUHospital_Doc TRT: 13:00 WFSU Public Media was awarded a grant from PBS this year for an initiative known as Retro Report. The grant was for coverage of historical roots surrounding local stories -- and how those stories fit into the national narrative of our country. WFSU News produced two stories in conjunction with WFSU-TV related to housing, public health, and civil rights. Today Lynn Hatter reports on the first of a two part series about Florida A&M University, the Civil Rights Movement, and the school's 50 year fight for survival.

FLHousingTW1129CR TRT 3:47 Governor Ron DeSantis' proposed budget would fully fund Florida's two affordable housing programs. He is recommending that all \$387-million be used for housing needs. The Florida Legislature created the affordable housing programs in 1992 by raising the documentary stamp tax on real estate transactions. The money is supposed to be split between the Apartment Incentive Loan Program – known as SAIL - and the Housing Initiative Partnership Program – known as SHIP. But the money often gets sent elsewhere. Gina Jordan talked with Florida Housing Finance Corporation Executive Director Trey Price about what it means to fully fund these programs.

FamilyLaw1129ss TRT: 3:02 In Florida, thousands of children live with an extended family member rather than a biological parent. But that's causing some issues. Robbie Gaffney reports a new proposal would give courts more power to reunify children with parents.

December

NewOFRCCommish1202v TRT 1:11 The Florida Cabinet has appointed a new commissioner for the state's Office of Financial Regulation. Ryan Dailey reports Agriculture Commissioner Nikki Fried withheld her vote.

Marketdays1202d trt: 3:19 For more than half-a-century, people in North Florida and South Georgia have eagerly awaited the annual Market Days, held in the weeks before the year-end holidays. The 2 day event, benefiting the Tallahassee Museum, happens this coming weekend, Saturday, Dec. 7 and Sunday, Dec. 8.

AllVote12319s TRT: 1:17 Florida Democrats and Republicans are united in opposing a constitutional amendment proposal opening the state's primary elections to all voters regardless of party. Blaise Gainey reports the Florida Supreme Court got an earful Tuesday as it weighs whether the amendment can go before voters.

Elections1203s TRT: 1:20 Florida's Cybersecurity Task Force is warning the state against indirect attacks that could interfere with the 2020 elections. Robbie Gaffney reports.

ConversionTherapy1204ss TRT: 3:13 Lead: Tallahassee city commissioners have voted to create an ordinance banning conversion therapy. The decision came during Wednesday's city commission meeting. Robbie Gaffney reports.

DeSantisOffer1203ss TRT 1:10 A recent rash of gun violence in Tallahassee hasn't been lost on Governor Ron DeSantis. Ryan Dailey reports the governor was asked after yesterday's cabinet meeting about crime in the City.

GaetsVKemp1203v TRT: North Florida Congressman Matt Gaetz has inserted himself into Georgia Governor Brian Kemp's decision on who to name to a vacant U.S. Senate Seat. Gaetz is upset Kemp isn't going with President Donald Trump's preferred person. Lynn Hatter has more.

Katedicamillo1203d Trt: 3:35 Tallahassee will once again be the landing point for a best-selling, award-winning author this weekend. Tom Flanigan reports Kate DiCamillo (dee-cah-MILL-oh) even has a real Florida connection.

Christmasconnection1204d Trt: 3:14 It was forty years ago this year. Tallahassee's Christmas Connection was launched as an effort to make the season brighter for twenty-five Capital City families. Tom Flanigan reports the effort is now employing some unique tools and techniques to increase its reach and effectiveness.

ZimmermanSuit1204d TRT 3:19 George Zimmerman, the man acquitted of shooting and killing black teen Trayvon Martin in 2012, is now suing members of the Martin family and their attorney Ben Crump. Ryan Dailey has the story.

TollRoadDefense1205s TRT: 1:05 Both the Former Florida Department of Transportation Secretary and the current one say three new toll roads for the state will move forward—despite increasing opposition. Lynn Hatter has more.

DrugEducation12519CRD TRT: 2:57 “Just Say No” isn’t doing enough to keep Florida’s youth from experimenting with drugs. That’s according to a coalition of state and local leaders who are working together to launch a new drug education initiative. Regan McCarthy has more....

GunRegulation1206ss TRT: 3:03 Gun Safety advocates say more needs to be done to prevent mass shootings. But some say their proposals could be hard to enforce. Robbie Gaffney reports.

TollRoadFights1206CR TRT: 3:08 Are they an innovative approach to the state’s future transportation needs or an environmental and economic road to nowhere? Florida lawmakers approved the creation of three new toll roads during the last legislative session, but opposition from environmentalists, small business owners and local officials is growing.

Clemency12619CR TRT: 3:20 Florida’s clemency process has faced criticism for being harsh, laborious, and too slow. In a 2018 a judge ruled it unconstitutional. But the state appealed the ruling and the court granted a stay – meaning the process hasn’t changed. Now the only Democrat on the clemency board says things are getting worse. WFSU’s Blaise Gainey has the story.

OFR1206CR TRT 3:23 Florida’s Office of Financial Regulation finally has a leader. OFR has been without a commissioner since last spring. This week, the Florida Cabinet appointed a securities lawyer from Coral Gables to take over the office. But, as Gina Jordan reports, two Cabinet members disagree on whether the decision was made according to Florida’s open government Sunshine Law.

NoSweeps12919s TRT: 1:02 Year after year the Florida legislature takes money meant for affordable housing and uses it on other things. Now some lawmakers are trying to stop that practice. Blaise Gainey reports more than \$2 billion has been diverted from the affordable housing trust since 2000.

TallahasseeClassical1209d TRT 2:52 Tallahassee Classical School, the Leon school district’s newest charter set to open in August. It’s now accepting applicants. Ryan Dailey reports this is the second go-round for the school, after its inaugural start date was pushed back.

AutoGlassDied121019d TRT: 1:54 A bill to limit litigation tied to auto glass repairs died in committee Tuesday. The unexpected failure caught insurance watchers by surprise but Blaise Gainey reports one key lawmakers says the issue isn’t dead yet.

RevisionCommission12919SS TRT:1:40 Florida lawmakers seem agree—*something* needs to be done about the state’s Constitution Revision Commission. But they’re not on the same page yet about *what* should happen. Regan McCarty has more.

AbortionConsent1210s TRT: 1:14 Religious, political and social beliefs are key to the debate over whether to require parental consent for abortions in Florida. Lynn Hatter reports after an initial stall, the Senate’s Health Policy Committee voted along party lines to approve the measure.

HeirProperty1210s TRT: 1:00 Florida Democratic lawmakers are pushing a bill to help owners of heir property keep their land. Robbie Gaffney reports.

ERIC121119s TRT: 1:02 Governor Ron DeSantis announced Wednesday Florida is officially partnering with ERIC or the Electronic Registration Information Center. Blaise Gainey talked with former Leon County Election Supervisor Ion Sancho about the announcement.

EarleyElection121219s TRT: 1:07 Leon County Supervisor Mark Earley says local election officers are nowhere close to removing felons that have not paid their fines, fees and restitution from voter rolls. Blaise Gainey reports.

GroveFour121319CR TRT:3:00 Florida's Agriculture Commissioner is calling for the exoneration of the Groveland Four. The group of men were pardoned by the board of executive clemency in January but as Blaise Gainey reports the commissioner, legislators and family members don't think that's enough.

JaxFAMUshooting1216s TRT: 1:07 A 22-year-old former Florida A&M University student is dead after a weekend officer-involved shooting following a traffic stop in Jacksonville. The Jacksonville Sheriffs office, JSO, says he was resisting arrest.

LegClimateConvo1217CR TRT: 3:53 Florida lawmakers are interested in addressing climate change. But they're not setting any sort of renewable energy goals—which is something democrats have proposed in the past. Instead, the Republican-led majority is focusing on making the state more adaptable to rising sea levels, and Lynn Hatter reports, lawmakers are outlining plans to shore up the state's infrastructure with that in mind.

StateWorkerPay121719s TRT: 1:13 State workers in Florida haven't gotten an across the board pay raise since before Governor Rick Scott took office. State Senators are looking at how they may be able to fit a pay raise into this year's budget.

PamelaMarsh1218TW 3:38 The Tallahassee-based First Amendment Foundation has a new leader. Pamela Marsh took over this month from the retiring Barbara Petersen. Marsh is the former U-S Attorney for the Northern District of Florida. She has more than 20 years of legal experience and is a shareholder at the Ausley McMullen law firm in Tallahassee. Marsh told WFSU's Gina Jordan this job shares some similarities with her time as both a private and government attorney.

