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QUARTERLY PROGRAM TOPIC REPORT
LOCAL PROGRAMMING**

1/1/24 to 3/31/24

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CAPITOL UPDATE – Sundays at 10:30am

Capitol Update is a weekly half-hour program that explains the most significant developments in Florida's Legislative, Judicial, and Executive branches – in everyday terms. Through in-depth reporting, regularly occurring segments – such as “Budget Watch” and “Bill Track” – and live interviews, Capitol Update provides viewers across the state with a clear, concise and balanced view of state government in action. *Please note that the 2024 Legislative Session will begin on January 9th and runs through March 8th.*

1/7 - #2701 Topics this week include: A look at new laws that took effect January 1. The Florida Supreme Court set a date for oral arguments over the abortion rights amendment, as the sponsor announced more than enough signatures to make the ballot. Florida became the first state to get FDA approval to import prescription drugs from Canada.

1/14 - #202405 Topics this week include: The Governor delivered his state of the state address and legislative leaders outlined priorities on the opening day of the 2024 session. A bill that would prohibit social media access to anyone under 16 passed its first House committee. The Senate President's plan to revamp the health care system is heading to the Senate floor.

1/21 - #202410 Topics this week include: In the second week of session, the full Senate passed bills designed to boost access to health care. House and Senate committees approved bills imposing term limits on county commissioners. The full House passed a bill that adds a definition of antisemitism to state statutes.

1/28 - #202415 Topics this week include: The full House passed a bill to ban social media access to kids under 16, but the Governor said it may face legal challenges in its current form. A House committee approved a bill that would allow 16- and 17 year olds to work longer and later hours. The University System Board of Governors voted “no confidence” in the chairman of the Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees.

2/4 - #202420 Topics this week include: Bills regarding potency for adult personal use of marijuana, protection of Historical Monuments and Memorials, employment and curfew of minors, vacation rentals, and the 2024/2025 state budget and appropriations.

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2/11- #202425 Topics this week include: The House and Senate passed their budgets, setting the stage for Conference to work out differences. Senate Democrats walked out of a committee and refused to vote on a bill to protect historic monuments, after supporters from the public brought up white power and supremacy. The Florida Supreme Court heard oral arguments on the proposed constitutional amendment on abortion rights.

2/18 - #202430 Topics this week include: The bill banning social media accounts for kids under 16 is ready for the full Senate. The House released its package of tax breaks for individuals and businesses. A committee teed up for the full house a bill further limiting the potency of hemp allowed in the consumer market.

2/25 - #202435 Topics this week include: The House and Senate passed the bill banning social media accounts for kids under 16. The Senate and the House Appropriations Committee voted to use most of state's share of Seminole gaming revenue for land and wildlife conservation. The Governor will be getting a bill making it illegal to dawdle in the left lane of major highways, but said he'll ask the Highway Patrol how it could be enforced before he signs.

3/3 - #202440 Topics this week include: The Governor vetoed HB 1, the ban on social media accounts for kids under 16, but lawmakers are amending another bill with a ban they expect the Governor to accept. The House approved a bill requiring local governments to keep homeless people from camping out on public streets and parks by setting up camps for them instead. The Governor signed a bill that paves the way for the release of grand jury testimony in the Jeffrey Epstein case.

3/10 - #202445 Topics this week include: After final passage of the state budget, the House and Senate wrapped up the 2024 legislative session, adjourning "sine die". Lawmakers also passed a \$915 million tax relief package. The House and Senate approved the Senate President's priority bills to improve access to health care, and a compromise version of the House Speaker's priority – a ban on social media access for kids under 14.

3/17 - #2702 Topics this week include: The Governor signed three bills into law and deployed extra law enforcement and military resources to South Florida to stop people who may be fleeing the violence in Haiti from entering illegally. In the final hours of the 2024 Legislative session, lawmakers passed a bill that bans people age 18 to 21 from working in adult venues like strip clubs. The Legislature also passed a bill to expand anchoring limitations in parts of Biscayne Bay.

3/24 - #2703 Topics this week include: The Governor signed the bill prohibiting homeless people from sleeping or camping in most public places. The Florida Supreme Court rejected a petition that challenged Florida's gaming compact with the Seminole Tribe. The Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission and scientists around the state are trying to figure out why so many sawfish in the Keys are dying.

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3/31 - #2704 Topics this week include: The Governor signed the bill banning social media accounts for kids under 14. He also signed a bill that makes it easier for homeowners to evict squatters and another that allows the sale of wine in bigger bottles. The Florida Department of State got feedback from election supervisors on proposed rules requiring greater scrutiny of voters' signatures.

FLORIDA CROSSROADS – Thursdays at 8:30pm / Repeats Sundays at 11am & Tuesdays at 3:30pm. Florida Crossroads is a weekly program produced by the Florida Channel that highlights some of the unique stories of the lives of Floridians.

1/4 & 1/7 - #3627 Artistic Expressions: Cultural Artisans

Produced by Shane Marshall and Josh Eaton

An artisan is often described as a skilled craft worker who makes or creates material objects partly or entirely by hand. In this Florida Crossroads, we travel to several different places where artistic expression is molded through different avenues and look at how each place has affected their local communities in Florida through craftwork.

1/11 & 1/14 - #3628 Florida Remembers: Vintage Florida

Produced by Mike Licquia

Florida's rich tourism history dates back well before the mega theme parks that attract modern-day tourists. Through vintage marketing films created by the state, we step back in time and revisit some of those popular tourist destinations in this segment of our ongoing history series, Florida Remembers: Vintage Florida.

1/18 & 1/21 - #3629 In the Footsteps of a King

Produced by Meredith Moses

In 1964, the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. traveled to segregated Florida. King brought the peaceful protests of his civil rights movement to the state at a time when some of the most violent attacks against blacks were taking place. In this edition of Florida Crossroads, Producer Meredith Moses talks to Floridians who share their memories of marching "In the Footsteps of a King".

1/25 & 1/28 - #3630 The Grove: Digging Up History

Produced by Shane Marshall

Designated a National Historic Landmark in 1976, The Grove's mission is to preserve the surrounding acreage and engage the public in a dialogue about civil rights and American history. People connected with this site have figured prominently in the moments that shaped Florida history. Senior Archaeologist Brandon Ackermann takes an audience through the history of The Grove and discusses ground-penetrating radar testing on the site and findings from his research.

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2/1 & 2/4 - #3631 Pet Control

Produced by Mike Licquia

Breeders of snakes, lizards, tropical fish and much more have long found the warm Florida climate to be an ideal place to do business. Some of those exotic pets though like pythons and iguanas have turned into harmful invaders. In this episode, we explore the business of the exotic pet trade as state regulators wrestle with the challenge of Pet Control.

2/8 & 2/11 - #3632 Florida Remembers: The 1964 Civil Rights Act

Produced by The Florida Channel Team

During the Civil Rights Movement, some Floridians were directly impacted by efforts to improve the quality of life for African Americans and other minority groups. In the 1950s, many “foot soldiers” – as they were called – risked their careers and their lives to open the door to social and political change. The Florida Channel remembers a few of the people, places, and protests at the center of the Civil Rights Movement in Florida.

2//15 & 1/18 - #3633 Paradise Lost: Florida’s Segregated Beaches and Parks

Produced by Theresa Marsenburg

Not long ago, the signs of the segregated South – “White Only” and “Colored Only” – applied to just about every aspect of life. Florida’s world-famous seashores, riverbanks, and lakeside properties were not exempt. While they were never “separate but equal”, the colored beaches and parks throughout the state were scenic and served as an oasis in a world of oppression and racism. These parks beckoned people of color to relax and unite; however, as African Americans began to experience the equalities brought about by the Civil Rights Act of 1964, many say they lost what was uniquely theirs.

2/22 & 2/25 - #3634 Ghosts of Groveland

Produced by Mike Licquia

Death, pain, and heartache followed four African American families for generations after four men were accused of raping a white teenager in Groveland in 1949. Seventy years later came a pardon for this “crime” and peace for a new generation as new evidence comes to light.

2/29 & 3/3 - #3635 Florida’s Underground Railroad: Southern Route to Freedom

Produced by Theresa Marsenburg

Centuries before a secret network was formed to help slaves escape to Northern states and Canada, the Underground Railroad ran South. As early as 187, Spain’s La Florida was recorded to be a safe haven for freedom seekers resisting enslavement, including the unique group of African Americans called Gullah Geechee who are still fighting to preserve their identity.

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3/7 & 3/10 - #3636 Art History: Florida's Story as Painted by Christopher Still

Produced by Krysta Brown

In 1999, Florida artist Christopher Still was commissioned by the Florida House of Representatives to paint eight works of art. Still completed two more for the renovation of the House Chamber in Tallahassee and the ten paintings are permanently on display. To commemorate the 20th anniversary of the renovation, two house speakers sat down with Florida's Artist in Residence to talk about his inspiration, his work and the stories behind the paintings portraying Florida's past and Present.

3/14 & 3/17 - #3637 Florida Highways and Byways: Northern Region

Produced by Shane Marshall and Josh Eaton

The Florida Scenic Highways Program was established to showcase the outstanding and intrinsic resources that can be found along Florida's highway system. On this continuing Florida Crossroads series, we highlight four roadways in North Florida that enhance the traveling experience for the public through history, recreation, nature and scenic beauty.

3/21 & 3/24 - #3638 Coastal Dune Lakes: In-Between Paved Paradise

Produced by Shane Marshall

Many tourists frequent the Emerald Coast along Florida's Panhandle, bathing in the waters of the Gulf of Mexico or tanning on the pristine beaches. They also visit to experience a rarity: a string of 15 coastal dune lakes found in only a few other places around the world. Coastal Dune Lakes: In-Between Paved Paradise explores the characteristics of these dune lakes, how they form, the dynamic ecosystems that exist within them and how they are being protected now and in the future.

3/28 & 3/31 - #3639 Florida Memory

Produced by Melissa Klinzing

A building two blocks from the Capitol in Tallahassee houses millions of state records and other items that belong to the people of the State of Florida. But you don't have to visit Tallahassee to explore those resources. This edition of Florida Crossroads takes you inside the vast holdings of the State Archives and Library through an online portal everyone can enter: Florida Memory. We'll explore the strange, beautiful Spanish Land Grant maps that are still legal documents after more than two centuries; photographs, films and videos everyone can enjoy; and reveal some little-known records of special interest to African-Americans researching family histories.

LOCAL ROUTES – A look at the people, places, things and events that make the Big Bend area unique. LOCAL ROUTES airs in limited runs throughout the year, Thursday nights at 8pm, repeating Sunday mornings at 10am and Tuesday at 3pm. (*Note: LOCAL ROUTES is on hiatus during this reporting period.*)