



QUARTERLY ISSUES/ PROGRAM TOPICS REPORT
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July 1, 2019 – September 30, 2019

The management of the Virgin Islands Public Broadcasting System (WTJX-FM 93.1) has determined that the issues/topics listed below to be of significant interest with the station's service area for the period of July 1, 2019 – September 30, 2019.

Business, Economics, and Finance

Government and Politics

Crime and Law Enforcement

Natural Disasters

Medicine and Health

Education

Arts and Entertainment

Aging and Retirement

Business, Economics and Finance

Morning Edition

Monday - Friday

5am-10am

9-12-19

General Motors will be the first United Automobile Workers target in contract talks. A perfect storm of tariffs, recession fears, slowing sales and automation costs has led to unhappy union workers. M E's Rachel Martin discusses how Detroit automakers are bracing for a possible strike. The United Auto Workers Union is set to renegotiate their contract, and it could get contentious.

1A

Monday- Friday

3pm-5pm

7-11-19

1A discusses the "Digital Disruption of the Banking Industry." A vendor now uses a credit card system to complete a sale during a baseball game at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Florida. The Rays became the first professional sports team to go cashless for all transactions this season.

All Things Considered

Monday – Friday

5pm-7pm

7-31-19

Coal miners in Harlan, Ky., are protesting this week after Blackjewel, one of the nation's largest coal companies, declared bankruptcy without enough money to pay workers their final paychecks. ATC looks at the repercussions to the workers and community.

Here and Now

Monday-Friday

1pm-3pm

7-1-19

Why are many wealthy Americans suddenly calling to be taxed more? In a recent spate of op-eds, wealthy individuals like Eli Broad, Abigail Disney and others seem to be embracing the idea of a "wealth tax" to fight economic inequity. Here & Now's Robin Young talks with Anand Giridharadas, author of "Winners Take All," about that point of view.

Morning Edition

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The Fed chairman will likely announce a cut in the federal funds rate, a reversal after more than a decade. Steve Inskeep speaks with economics commentator David Wessel about what the shift signals.

Weekend Edition

Saturday
8am-10am
7-26-19

W E Saturday discusses President Trump's targeted growth rate of 3% or above, citing the Republican tax cuts passed in 2017. But some studies have found that the tax cuts passed have done little to boost growth, in part because most of the benefit went to wealthy people and corporations.

On Point

Monday-Friday
10am-12pm
7-1-19

Foundations and pension funds are under pressure to do more "impact investing," focusing not just on the bottom line, but also on doing good for people and the planet. But is it effective? If so, why isn't impact investing catching on more? O P's Meghna Chakrabarti talks with 3 money people about the issue.

Fresh Air

Mon-Friday
12pm-1pm
7-31-19

How Tech Companies track your every move and put your data up for sale. Washington Post tech columnist Geoffrey Fowler listened to four years' worth of audio that Amazon had captured and stored from his Alexa smart speaker. He was surprised by what he found. Fresh Air looks at and speaks to Fowlers about the results.

Government and Politics

All Things Considered

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7-30-19

Chinese telecommunications company Huawei, reports its revenue is soaring despite roadblocks from the U.S. The Chinese tech giant, says its revenue soared 23% in the

first half of this year, despite the Trump administration placing the company on an export blacklist. ATC looks into this dynamic today.

Morning Edition

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8-30-19

NPR's Rachel Martin interviews Joe Walsh, a former Illinois congressman, who says he's challenging President Trump for the Republican nomination in 2020. The former Illinois Republican Congressman is challenging President Trump in 2020. He bills himself as the better option.

On Point

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8-1-19

O P checks in on the second night of Democratic presidential debates, with a focus on health care policy. Meghna Chakrabarti is host.

Here and Now

Monday-Friday

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8-1-19

NBC senior politics editor Beth Fouhy joined Here & Now's Robin Young to discuss the Democratic presidential candidates' debate Wednesday night, where front-runner Joe Biden came under the most fire.

Weekend Edition

Sunday

8am-10am

7-28-19

August recess' begins for house as Democrats mull question of impeachment. Susan Davis discusses how Democrats are proceeding cautiously on the question of impeachment, and it is likely to come up again this week in the presidential primary debates.

1A

Monday- Friday

3pm-5pm

7-22-19

At the end of July, Democratic candidates will debate again. The format will be largely similar to the one held at the end of June — two different sets of candidates will take the stage on two nights. But the way CNN announced the debate groups drew criticism. They televised the drawing and analyzed the groupings before, during and after they were made. 1 A talks about this new set up.

Crime and Law Enforcement

1A

Monday- Friday
3pm-5pm
8-6-19

Who's trying to stop the rise of White Supremacy in America? That's the question asked on 1A today. President Trump addressed the nation Monday following mass shootings in Dayton, Ohio, and El Paso, Texas, that left at least 31 people dead and dozens injured. The motives of two gunmen, both white, are under investigation.

On Point

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9-30-19

The whistleblower, the president and the Democrats' next moves on impeachment. We have all the latest twists and turns. O P's Meghna Chakrabarti follows the Impeachment Inquiry as it unfolds.

All Things Considered

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8-31-19

ATC looks at the effects Hong Kong demonstrators are having on the country. Another weekend of protests in Hong Kong began peacefully, but by day's end turned violent. The demonstrations mark one of the most violent days since protests began 13 weeks ago, this after protesters defied a protest ban.

Weekend Edition

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8-31-19

In Connecticut, Immigration and Customs Enforcement is trying to deport a legal permanent resident even though her record has been cleared. Connecticut Public Radio's Diane Orson joins W E Saturday and reports, the attorney general there is fighting in court to force the federal government to recognize the state's pardons.

Morning Edition

Monday-Friday

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9-11-19

M E covered the rise in violent crime. There's a continued uptick in Violent Crime, according to a Federal Survey. An annual survey that asks Americans about crimes they've experienced showed that the rate at which those surveyed said they had been raped or sexually assaulted nearly doubled from 2017 to 2018.

Fresh Air

Mon-Friday

12pm-1pm

7-30-19

Cities are resilient,' says Baltimore Crime Novelist Laura Lippman. Count Lippman among those who take issue with President Trump's recent tweets characterizing Baltimore as a "disgusting, rat and rodent infested mess." The crime novelist, who lives in Baltimore, says the president's comments represent a "basic disrespect" for city residents.

Here and Now

Monday-Friday

1pm-3pm

9-5-19

A weed breathalyzer is one step closer to becoming a reality. Researchers at the University of Pittsburgh have developed a weed breathalyzer that uses carbon nanotubes to detect THC the main psychoactive ingredient in cannabis in someone's breath. Here & Now's Jeremy Hobson speaks with the researchers behind the device: Dr. Alexander Star, professor of chemistry, and Dr. Ervin Sejdic, professor of electrical and computer engineering.

Natural Disasters

Weekend Edition

Saturday

8am-10am

8-17-19

The Mississippi River is continuing to flood and all that water is devastating oyster harvests downstream. It's bad and getting worse E S's Travis Lux reports.

All Things Considered

Monday – Friday

5pm-7pm
7-20-19

A heat wave has much of the U.S. in its grips, including in Washington D.C. But some residents have found ways to cope. On ATC today it's all about the heat. The National Weather Service has used words like excessive heat and oppressive humidity warning everyone to keep cool. Reporter Kavitha Cardoza visited some folks trying to do just that at some swimming pools in Southeast D.C.

Morning Edition

Monday-Friday
5am-10am
7-29-19

How deadly winters have transformed life for Herders in Mongolia is discussed with Emily Kwong on M E. Mongolians call it a dzud the deterioration of winter weather conditions leading to a mass death of livestock from lack of food and/or water There are five types of dzuds, and Oyutan's animals were claimed by the deadliest a tsagaan dzud, meaning "white death." That's when snow covers the pastureland, blocking animals' access to food.

Here and Now

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Colorado invests millions in Wildfire response. Colorado saw its most destructive wildfire season in years in 2018. It's predicted that wildfires in the state will become even more destructive as the climate changes. So officials are putting more money toward fire readiness and planning for new ways to reduce large wildfires. Grace Hood of Colorado Public Radio reports for H&N.

On Point

Monday-Friday
10am-12pm
7-25-19

Climate change is transforming how our food gets from farm to table. As climate change transforms the planet ☐— affecting seasons, species, weather patterns and water ☐— O P takes a look at how farming and agriculture practices have had to change, too.

1A

Monday- Friday
3pm-5pm
9-4-19

Hurricanes and U.S. Territories in the Caribbean were discussed on 1A. The approach of Hurricane Dorian sounded alarm bells in the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico last weekend. Both U.S. territories are still recovering from Hurricanes Irma and Maria two years ago.

Medicine and Health

Morning Edition

Monday-Friday

5am-10am

6-3-19

8-27-19

Protesters in New Jersey drew attention to lead in Newark's drinking water. Many Newark residents are relying on bottled water, as city leaders struggle to address the crisis. Protests happened against the backdrop of MTV's Video Music Awards, which were held in New Jersey. M E's David Green spoke with protesters.

All Things Considered

Monday – Friday

5pm-7pm

9-14-19

The Trump administration has proposed a ban on flavored vaping products, prompting mixed reactions from young vapers and health policy experts. ATC looks at how the ban will go in effect. Some critics say a ban won't stop kids from vaping. But according to Zeninor Enwemeka from member station WBUR, some young people say the ban is a good idea.

Here and Now

Monday-Friday

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8-6-19

After last weekend's shootings in El Paso, Texas and Dayton, Ohio, parents who lost children to gun violence at Sandy Hook Elementary School are speaking out about knowing the signs of a potential gunman. Here and Now's Robin Young speaks with Nicole Hockley, co-founder of the nonprofit Sandy Hook Promise.

On Point

Monday-Friday

10am-12pm

8-1-19

Nearly 11 million people in the Indian City of Chennai are almost out of water. The water crisis in the Indian city of Chennai is worsening. Its population is roughly the same as

New York City's. What lessons does Chennai hold for other major cities around the world?

Morning Edition

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8-28-19

NPR's Rachel Martin talks to North Carolina Attorney General Josh Stein about his lawsuit against eight e-cigarette and vape manufacturers. The AG filed suit against another eight companies who make similar products. Stein accuses the companies of aggressively targeting children and teens in their marketing.

1A

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7-25-19

1A takes on the opioid crisis. A new Washington Post investigative report gives an unprecedented look at the opioid crisis including which companies distributed billions of pills, and where.

Weekend Edition

Sunday

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8-25-19

Cancer fears over Ethylene Oxide in Georgia. W E S's Leila Fadel looks how Federal data recently linked emissions of the widely used chemical ethylene oxide to a higher risk of cancer. Now there are calls to shut down two plants that use it near Atlanta.

Education

On Point

Monday-Friday

10am-12pm

9-2-19

A DNA test, taken on a whim, leads to a startling result and a big meditation on the meaning of ancestry and family. Author Dani Shapiro tells her story in the celebrated new book, "Inheritance." She joins Meghna Chakrabarti today O P.

All Things Considered

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8-25-19

Today ATC's welcomes NPR's Michel Martin who discusses ways to reckon with the history of slavery with journalist Rachel Swarns, public historian Niya Bates and law professor Sherri Burr.

Morning Edition

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8-22-19

M E's Noel King speaks to Cambridge engineers who want to set a record for most people playing a piano at the same time. A standard piano has 88 keys, so how about 88 people? Engineers had school kids design long mechanical fingers to make this possible. Every kid played a single key. And they performed a composition called "88 Pianists."

Weekend Edition

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8-10-19

There's a summer camp for kids with disabilities in Nashville that does things a little differently. Instead of accommodating the campers' physical challenges, therapists make life a bit tougher, in hopes of ultimately strengthening the kids' ability to navigate the world.

1A

Monday- Friday

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7-9-19

The legacy of "Busing and School Desegregation" is the topic on 1A today. Could some form of busing work today? Or is the problem of school segregation even more deeply rooted? Busing has a complex and, in some cases, violent history.

Weekend Edition

Sunday

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9-22-19

10 years after Haiti's Earthquake, this Music School will never stop. A tour of the youth choir and chamber ensemble from Haiti's Holy Trinity Music School wraps up this week with concerts in Kentucky and Ohio. Melissa Block reports on the School as they continue their tour.

Arts and Entertainment

Morning Edition

Monday-Friday

5am-10am

9-10-19

Turner Classic Movies' first black host will spearhead its Sunday silent film marathon. Jacqueline Stewart is a professor of cinema studies at the University of Chicago. M E's Rachel Martin and David Green interview Ms. Stewart about this First!

On Point

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9-5-19

Bestselling crime writer Walter Mosley will teach you how to write a story. Megna Chakrabarti has a conversation with bestselling writer Walter Mosley about his hard-boiled character Easy Rawlins and a life in crime writing.

Latino USA

Saturday-Sunday

6am-7am

9-27-19

It's been over three decades since actor Lou Diamond Phillips portrayed Chicano rock 'n' roll legend Ritchie Valens on the silver screen. Little did he know, his role in the 1987 film, "La Bamba," would catapult him into the limelight and into the hearts of the Mexican American community around the country. Today, Lou Diamond Phillips shares how he continues to play an array of roles with an open mind and willingness to learn.

Fresh Air

Mon-Friday

12pm-1pm

9-27-19

National Geographic photographer Joel Sartore is documenting the world's captive animal species — currently around 9,000 and counting. His new book is, Vanishing: The World's Most Vulnerable Animals. Terry Gross talks with Sartore today.

1A

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7-15-19

MMOs, or massively multiplayer online games, are hugely popular in part because of the many ways people can connect to each other during gameplay. While alien hunting or creating worlds or on a combat rescue mission, you can catch up with old friends,

make new ones and build relationships that have real-world implications. On line games and their popularity are the topic on 1A.

Morning Edition

Monday-Friday

5am-10am

7-26-19

Photos of African-American life from "Ebony" and "Jet" magazines were sold and will be given to the Smithsonian Museum of African American History and Culture and to the Getty Research Institute. The new owners say the public will be able to see more than a million images for the first time ever. From member station WBEZ in Chicago, Carrie Shepherd tells who the new owners are.

All Things Considered

Monday – Friday

5pm-7pm

8-24-19

A new Movie takes on black hair care. The new animated short, follows the story of an African-American father trying to do his daughter's hair. NPR's Michel Martin speaks with creator Matthew A. Cherry about the story, today on ATC.

Here and Now

Monday-Friday

1pm-3pm

9-12-19

Here & Now's Jeremy Hobson spoke with Vic Di Geronimo, host of "Classical Mornings" at WILL in Urbana, Illinois, about how autumn has inspired composers from Vivaldi to Verdi.

Aging and Retirement

Fresh Air

Mon-Friday

12pm-1pm

7-17-19

Remembering retired Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens. Stevens, who died Tuesday, was appointed by President Ford and served on the court for 35 years before retiring in 2010. He spoke to Fresh Air in 2011 about his memoir, Five Chiefs.

Morning Edition

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8-19-19

103 year old woman breaks Skydiving Record. Kathryn Hodges went skydiving in Snohomish County, Wash. Before her leap, M E reports she asked her son if it was going to be a record. The previous Guinness World Record holder was 100.

Here and Now

Monday-Friday

1pm-3pm

7-15-19

A beloved community activist and founder of Baton Rouge's African American history museum, Sadie Roberts-Joseph, was found dead in the truck of a car on Friday. As news of her death spread, Louisiana State Rep. Marcelle paid to the 75-year-old civil rights leader on her Facebook page. Here & Now's Robin Young speaks with Marcelle about Roberts-Joseph's legacy.