

# **WCVI-TV**

**Christiansted, Saint Croix**

**Issues and Programs List for WCVI-TV / ECVI-TV**

**Fourth Quarter**

**2023**

From October 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, WCVI in Christiansted, Saint Croix aired an average of five hours of local news programs on a weekly basis.

### **Weekday Local News Programs**

#### **USVI News: The Virgin Islands**

USVI News: [WCVI] Tuesday – Friday, 6:30-7:00am, 12-12:30pm

USVI News: [WCVI] Monday – Friday, 6-630pm, 7-730pm, 11-1130pm

USVI News: [ECVI] Monday – Friday, 6-630pm, 11-11:30pm

USVI News: [ECVI] Friday, 2-2:30am

### **Weekend Local News Programs**

USVI News [WCVI] Saturday, 6-6:30am, 11-11:30pm, 2:30-3:00am

USVI News [WCVI] Sunday, 8:30-9am, 6-6:30pm, 11-11:30pm

USVI News [ECVI] Saturday, 6-6:30am, 11:30pm-12:00am, 2-2:30am

USVI News [ECVI] Sunday, 6-6:30am, 9-9:30am, 11:30pm-12:00am

**List of Issues** – WCVI-TV programs and PSAs provide significant treatment of the following issues that are important to Christiansted, Saint Croix in the Fourth Quarter 2023:

Community / Culture / Family Strengthening

Economy / Finance / Poverty

Education

Environment

Health concerns

Government

Safety / Crime Safety

## Issues and Programs List

10/02            36 sec    Government / Education

Governor Bryan signed a bill into law authorizing a land exchange agreement between the National Park Service and the Government of the Virgin Islands. The agreement paves the way for the construction of a new state-of-the-art pre-k-12 school in St. John, bringing an end to a 50-year effort by multiple governors and administrations. Governor Bryan stated that for too long, students have had to travel to St. Thomas to receive their education and said the bill signing signifies a new era of accessible education on St. John. The new school will not only serve as a hub for education but also as a critical storm shelter and community center for the island of St. John.

10/02            22 sec    Education / Safety

The Virgin Islands Department of Education (VIDE) informs parents and guardians of students enrolled at the Bertha C. Boschulte Middle School (BCB) that the virtual schedule will remain in effect. The reason being because of the ongoing conditions resulting from the Bovoni Landfill fire, which has been going on for over two weeks. The safety and well-being of students and faculty are the top priority of the district.

10/02            15 sec    Health / Education

As first responders continue to battle the Bovoni Landfill fire, it's important to recognize the toll this can take on their mental state. One dispatch department is setting an example of how to prioritize mental health. Mara McJilton takes us to North Carolina for the story.

10/04            106 sec    Health

It's the second most common cancer among women and while the annual rate of deaths from breast cancer is declining, it remains the leading cause of cancer deaths among women. And early detection is critical to survival.

10/04            28 sec    Health

The CDC says it's no longer distributing covid vaccination cards. The white cards debuted in late 2020. It was a simple way for the government and vaccine recipients to keep track of doses and could be used to prove vaccination status for things like large events and international travel. The federal government no longer requires people to show their vaccine card when coming in from outside the country. Also, major pharmacy chains say you don't need your old card to get the newly updated vaccine.

10/04            41 sec    Community

The Virgin Islands Game Fishing Club's annual Kid's Fishing Tournament was held Saturday, September 30 at Igy's American Yacht Harbor Marina, in Red Hook. Junior anglers, along with parents and friends, were armed with handlines, bait, and buckets thanks to the Virgin Islands Game Fishing Club. Young anglers spread out along the marina docks to give it their best shot at catching a fish, but it didn't take long for the fish-catching action to happen. Grunt, snapper, barracuda, a trunkfish, and a couple of crabs numbered among the day's catch. Junior anglers practiced conservation by keeping their fish in a bucket of seawater until weighed and then released their catch back into the sea. Many winners took over the day as bright smiling faces filled the docks.

10/04 197 sec Health

First today, a focus on your health. It's National Depression Screening Day and new research is shining a light on the importance of diagnosing this mental health condition and how effective screening can help identify people considering suicide. Here's a look at the study and how it could change how doctors look at suicide prevention.

10/04 36 sec Safety

The VI Office of Highway Safety and the VI Police Department aim to increase child passenger safety awareness for drivers with young children. During Child Passenger Safety Week, the Office of Highway Safety engaged public elementary schools and put-up banners on each campus explaining USVI child passenger safety laws. Officers also visited during dismissal hours and had caregivers sign up for low to no cost booster seats. Throughout the month, the agency also held distribution events, and was able to give 115 car seats and over 340 boosters seats. Technicians were on hand to assist caregivers with the safe use and installation of the safety seats.

10/04 107 sec Health

They call it "the biggest development in male contraception since the vasectomy." And that's what one Charlottesville, Virginia company is working towards. Dryden Quigley has a glimpse at what could be the future of birth control.

10/11 20 sec Community

Swimming from the British Virgin Islands to the USVI is considered by many as impossible to do. But one swimmer has done it! He swam from Tortola to St. John, but most importantly he swam for a great cause. Alli Bourne-Vanneck has more on how this one swim will make a big difference, helping to bring more connectivity to youth and families across the Caribbean.

10/11 32 sec Government / Economy

Governor Bryan has officially launched the third annual Governor's Workforce Development Summit. The event aimed at empowering the community to "seize the moment: take charge of your tomorrow", was held on St. Croix, St. Thomas, and St. John. The panel dived into crucial topics, emphasizing the role of a skilled workforce in driving economic growth and sustainability in the territory. The governor emphasized the urgent need for skilled labor and the various opportunities available as the administration continues to transform the territory's infrastructure and economy.

10/11 142 sec Health

In health news today, it's National Menopause Awareness month and more than one million women in the US experience this condition each year. And health experts say many of them don't seek treatment for symptoms.

10/13 14 sec Health / Community

As October shines a light on breast cancer, hundreds of people, government agencies and cancer survivors came out to support the Breast Cancer Awareness Walk in St. Thomas. Alli Bourne-Vanneck was there,

covering the event and unity from the community.

10/13            35 sec    Community / Safety

The Second Annual Trunk or Treat will be taking place in the territories in the coming weeks. The Virgin Islands Police Department along with the mall of St. Croix, West Indian Company (WICO), Fire and Emergency Medical Services, Department of Health, Cost U Less, Plaza Extra, and Karibbean Kuts Together will be hosting the event. The trunk or treat event on St. Croix will be held on Saturday, October 28th at the Mall of St. Croix (formerly K-Mart-West) parking lot and Sunday, October 29th on St. Thomas at the West Indian Company dock (adjacent to pier 22). Both events will be from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. This is a free event for children and families of the territory to engage in a fun and safe Halloween event.

10/13            46 sec    Government / Health

Governor Bryan proudly designates the month of October as "Rett Syndrome Awareness Month" in the US Virgin Islands. Rett Syndrome is a rare and challenging neurological disorder, typically affecting young girls. The governor issued a proclamation Thursday emphasizing the importance of Rett Syndrome Awareness and also recognized the remarkable efforts of Ella's Hope Inc, a local nonprofit organization working to raise awareness of Rett Syndrome in the territory and helping to fund global research initiatives. Throughout the month of October, Governor Bryan encourages all residents of the US Virgin Islands to unite, raise awareness, and offer their support to organizations like Ella's Hope Inc., noting that together, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of those affected by Rett syndrome and other rare diseases.

10/16            28 sec    Community

On Sunday, October 22nd, the Humane Society of St. Thomas wants to welcome all to their Mimosas and Mutts event. The Humane Society says that this bingo will be a little more special as Lucas Waterford will be hosting musical bingo. The event will take place at the Humane Society courtyard from 11 am to 2 pm. There are \$5 and \$10 bingo tickets. And as always, \$5 mimosas and bloody mary's, snacks and non-alcoholic drinks available. Come dressed in your Halloween costume with your furry friends to make this an unforgettable day.

10/16            50 sec    Health

New research shows more young and middle-aged women are being diagnosed with lung cancer at a higher rate than men and scientists are struggling to understand why. The research was published this week in the journal "Jama Oncology." The study included people diagnosed with lung cancer between the year 2000 and 2019. It found women ages 35 to 54 had been diagnosed with lung cancer at a higher rate than similarly-aged men. A lack of understanding about what is driving the gender trend in lung cancer is in part fueling a push for more funding to study these differences. Researchers hope studies showing gender disparities in lung cancer will make health care providers aware of how this disease affects women so they can know to watch for it. Aside from smoking, other risk factors for lung cancer include family history, exposure to secondhand smoke, radon, asbestos, pollution and arsenic in drinking water.

10/18            94 sec    Health

Elevated levels of lead and copper have concerned Virgin Island officials recently. According to the WAPA, 35 out of 66 water samples collected have shown concerning levels of lead and copper. You are encouraged to use an alternative source of drinking water, such as bottled water, until the concentration of lead and copper in the water, is solved. Drinking the water can lead to lead poisoning and copper toxicity. Showering with the

water can cause skin irritation and inhaling toxins that may be in the water. At a press briefing Tuesday, Governor Bryan said that officials are working to flush the lines in the system to help clear the contaminated water out.

10/18            34 sec    Safety

This year's International Shakeout Day is October 19th, the world's largest earthquake drill. Shakeout is an annual opportunity to practice how to be safer during big earthquakes: "drop, cover and hold on." Millions of people worldwide will participate in earthquake drills at work, school, or home. At 10:19 am local time on 10/19, join people across the US Virgin Islands practicing earthquake safety. As you participate and prepare, the goal is to provide you with peace of mind that you, your family, your co-workers and millions of others will be better prepared to survive and recover quickly from a major earthquake.

10/18            22 sec    Health

More than 64-thousand people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer this year according to estimates from the American Cancer Society and many times the disease isn't diagnosed until it's too late but researchers are looking into how artificial intelligence could help with early detection. In Health Minute, Mandy Gaither has a look at the research and the hope it's bringing for the future.

10/20            67 sec    Government / Safety

Addressing derelict and abandoned buildings rose to the top of the list of priorities as Governor Albert Bryan Jr., brought together members of the 35th legislature to discuss ways to better serve Virgin Island residents. During the meeting this week, the governor shared draft legislation aimed at revitalizing communities and making them safer, more attractive, and prosperous. The proposed legislation focuses on feedback from the public. In August, the administration conducted two public town hall meetings in St. Thomas and St. Croix, seeking insights and suggestions from residents. The latest version of the legislation incorporates many of these suggestions. To further uphold transparency and public engagement, Governor Bryan says he'll make the legislation available for public review, accepting public comment for a 30-day period. During the meeting, Senate President Novelle Francis noted that a number of senators want to see progress on community revitalization as well, saying quote "the issue of abandoned and dilapidated properties is complex and multi-faceted. It is certainly one that my colleagues and I are committed to addressing in ways that respect both our community and development."

10/20            39 sec    Safety

Staff with the Virgin Island Police Department wore purple on October 19th in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The department shared that 1 in 4 women and 1 in 3 men experience some form of domestic violence in their life. Purple Thursday is also a national day dedicated to raising awareness. The USVI Department of Health has a list of warning signs that anyone can look for in their relationships. Some of them include partners getting jealous of friends, not allowing time spent away from partner, embarrassing or shaming, controlling all finances, intentionally hurting property, threatening physical violence. More warning signs and resources are listed on the Department of Health website.

10/24            31 sec    Environment / Safety

There is a critical update regarding the ongoing water quality situation on St. Croix. Resampling has taken

place in the areas of concern, with over 74 samples being collected over the weekend. Governor Bryan provided the following statement Monday: "rest assured that we are treating this situation with the utmost seriousness. Our teams are working tirelessly to pinpoint the exact source of contamination and recommend corrective actions. We are fully committed to ensuring the highest standards of water quality in St. Croix and the safety of our residents."

10/24            47 sec    Government / Community

Governor Bryan has released the first official discussion draft of the Virgin Islands Abandoned and Derelict Real Property Conservatorship Act. The release of this proposed draft legislation includes comments raised by members of the community who attended two town halls in August. The Virgin Islands Abandoned and Derelict Real Property Conservatorship Act provides a means by which derelict and abandoned properties can be rehabilitated or developed without a change of property ownership. The Bryan-Roach administration is seeking community feedback by means of a 30-day comment period that begins now. Individuals may submit comments via email to [comments@go.vi.gov](mailto:comments@go.vi.gov), as well as by letter or in person to the office of the island administrator on St. Thomas, St. John or St. Croix. Copies of the proposed draft legislation are available upon request.

10/26            35 sec    Environment

The VI Conservation Society (VICS) along with the USVI Hotel & Tourism Association (HTA) announced that three beaches have once again been awarded the Blue Flag status by the Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE). Blue Flag is an exclusive eco-label promoting sustainable tourism and awarded to beaches and marinas worldwide who meet the established criteria of the program. The three beaches receiving this coveted certification are: on St. Thomas -- Emerald Beach Resort at Lindbergh Bay, the Ritz Carlton Resort Beach at Great Bay; Tamarind Reef Resort at Green Cay Beach on St. Croix. The flags will be raised on all three beaches on December 1, 2023.

10/26            124 sec    Health

Turning our attention to your health now, we are now in the last week of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, a time to support those who have been diagnosed with, are battling, or are recovering from the disease. It's also to raise awareness, highlighting all the research that has been done over the years to make a once deadly diagnosis, now very treatable. Our Emily Matson sits down with an oncologist to learn more about the developments in treatment of the disease.

10/30            43 sec    Health

Over the past few weeks, Water and Power Authority and the USVI Joint Information Center have been conducting lead water samples from the various spots that had high levels of lead and copper. After flushing, all sample results were significantly below the action level for lead. WAPA will immediately replace the service lines, brass fittings, and brass meters at 7 to 10 locations that showed the highest levels of lead, they'll use new material that complies with EPA's lead-free standards. Then those locations will be immediately resampled following the plan developed for the October 21st sampling event. The Water and Power Authority will immediately notify customers in the 37 locations sampled to flush their water supply for 5 to 10 minutes each day before first use.

11/01            27 sec    Health

The US infant mortality rate is up for the first time in more than 20 years. That's according to a report released Wednesday by the National Center for Health Statistics. It found the overall infant mortality rate rose by three percent from 2021 to 2022. Experts say infant mortality is often a useful benchmark for a country's health system at large, but say this rise could be an isolated case, or a sign of an underlying health care issue, they'll need to see next year's data to be certain.

11/03            27 sec    Finance

Mortgage rates have snapped a seven-week streak of increases. Freddie Mac data released Thursday shows the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 7.76% in the week ending November 2nd. That's down from 7.79% the week before. A year ago, the average rate was just under 7%. This data comes just a day after the federal reserve said it would leave its benchmark lending rate where it is, but hasn't ruled out a hike before the year ends.

11/06            43 sec    Health / Government

The Water and Power Authority is working with VI Paving to complete exploratory digging in the Strawberry Hill area as part of their commitment to addressing the high lead levels in part of Saint Croix. During this process, several parts of the existing water pipeline were safely removed and have been set aside for lead testing. Also, a new service line with all lead-free components was installed. Following the new replacements, WAPA will undertake additional testing to identify whether lead levels have returned to below action level or undetectable. The Department of Health also advises the community that testing for lead exposure is available at the Clinical Laboratory Inc., at Sunny Isle Medical Center on St. Croix and the St. Thomas East End Medical Center at Tutu Park Mall

11/06            134 sec    Environment

According to NASA, this summer was earth's hottest summer. With the rising temps, scientists believe extreme weather events like heat waves or severe storms are likely to become more frequent and intense due to climate change. Our USVI News Washington DC correspondent Rachel Knapp shares how a congressional committee is examining specific weather events and climate change.

11/06            28 sec    Safety / Health

You may want to check your freezer for this latest recalled item. Tyson Foods is voluntarily recalling nearly 30-thousand pounds of dinosaur-shaped chicken nuggets due to the potential for small metal pieces in the product. The recall affects 29-ounce bags of fully cooked fun nuggets breaded and shaped chicken patties with a "best if used by date" of September 4th, 2024. The USDA urges consumers who may have these chicken nuggets in their freezer to throw them away or return them to the place of purchase.

11/10            38 sec    Community

Veterans Day is November 11th this year, which means there will be parking restrictions for the Veterans Day parade taking place on the islands. The parade route will now take place in Frederiksted Town from the post office due to the current road conditions in Christiansted Town. Parking restrictions for the Veterans Day parade in Frederiksted are as follows: no parking on King Street from Kentucky Fried Chicken (KFC) to the corner of Emancipation Drive (Marley Corner) and King Street. No parking from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. parking restrictions will be enforced from 7:00 a.m. Any vehicles parked in the restricted areas will be towed. The VIPD thanks all veterans for their courage and sacrifice to make this country safe.



11/10 111 sec Finance

A new report shows people are taking their credit card balances to record highs and increasingly falling behind their monthly payments. Our Emily Matson takes a closer look at what's behind the alarming trend and three tips to help you get your debt back on track.

11/13 68 sec Community

The Humane Society of St. Thomas is at a critical need for people to come forward and adopt a new pet, or foster. There are more than 500 animals at the shelter right now, which typically has a full capacity of 150 animals, so to help with this dire situation, we are showcasing a pet of the week, to help these homeless animals find their forever homes, meet Reggie!

11/15 32 sec Community

Honoring our veterans, a beautiful gesture on any given day, but this past weekend was a special occasion to break out all the bells and whistles. On Saint Croix and Saint Thomas, Veterans Day celebrations included parades and ceremonies, giving the community a chance to pay respect to those who have served proudly. The parade led by Governor Albert Bryan Jr., Senate President Novelle Francis, Congresswoman Stacey Plaskett, and other public officials. The parade marched down King Street before turning onto Strand Street where the ceremony was held adjacent to Veterans Park.

11/15 23 sec Community

And across the Caribbean, established in New York City in 2002, Aliforney Center impacts LGBTQ+ homeless youth in New York City. The organization extend their assistance to over 50 programs globally. Now, the center has a new collaboration with a nonprofit in Puerto Rico, that offers similar services. This collaboration will help support LGBTQ+ youth in need of housing in the island. Frances Félix has more.

11/20 18 sec Health

With the holiday season around the corner, daily schedules can fill up with shopping, cooking, and meeting with friends and family. Many times, all these activities can be a source of joy, but for some it can also be overwhelming and impact your mental health. Ivan Rodriguez tells us how people can make the best out of the holiday season.

11/22 35 sec Safety

Members from the VI National Guard assisted representatives from WAPA, government agencies and the VI Territorial Emergency Management Agency with voucher distribution this past weekend. The vouchers can be redeemed at both Pueblo locations, the Market, Blue Mountain Water and Plaza Extra East. By the end of the weekend 1,288 vouchers were distributed. On Sunday, 57 WAPA account holders had registered but not yet picked up their vouchers. Residents with health concerns related to lead exposure and testing may call the Department of Health hotlines from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For assistance, please call 340-712-6299

11/22 58 sec Environment

In a recent tour of flood-affected regions in St. Andrew and St. Thomas, Jamaica's Prime Minister Andrew Holness urged citizens to consider environmental and climate change factors when choosing locations for housing. Holness expressed concern about individuals residing in high-risk areas, such as hillsides prone to weather events, close to riverbanks, and within river courses.

11/27            77 sec    Safety

Cyber Monday is here, and while many people may be hoping online to score the best deals, the Better Business Bureau is sending out a warning to shoppers this morning. To keep people and their money secure this time of year, the Better Business Bureau advises shoppers to do their research on a website if they are unfamiliar with it. They also recommend checking to make sure the company has readily available contact information. And, they say it's always a good idea to carefully read reviews about the product they plan on purchasing.

11/27            33 sec    Finance

The numbers are in from black Friday and many retailers have reasons to smile. Several reports show Friday's holiday sales set records. Both in store and online retail sales were up from last year. One report from Sensormatic Solutions found traffic in brick-and-mortar stores rose 4.6 % compared with 2022. Another group, Adobe Analytics reported a record 9.8 billion dollars in online sales on black Friday. That's a 7.5 % jump from last year. And analysts predict cyber-Monday may generate up to 12 billion dollars in sales that would set a record.

11/29            34 sec    Community

On Tuesday November 28th, 2023 Miss Earth USVI Madison Ramsingh arrived in Vietnam where she will be competing in the International Miss Earth Pageant on December 22nd, 2023. Madison has been placed in the top 20 by Pageant Media and has been deemed a pre-arrival favorite based on her series of videos promoting the Virgin Islands, the history and culture along with eco initiatives and her chosen tree; the red mangrove. Madison intends to wow the international crowd with her years of training as a legacy queen. Pageantry runs in the family as she is the daughter of Miss VI Universe 1995 Kim Boschulte-Ramsingh.

11/29            27 sec    Environment

On Saint Thomas, dozens of farmers and local businesses gathered recently in November to share produce and items at the Annual Garden and Farmers Market. The event took place at Fort Christian parking lot with lots of local goods to choose from including plants, veggies, fruit, and baked offerings. The event also brought together local community leaders, and many from the health and wellness community, the arts, steel pan performers, and fun games and activities for the whole family to enjoy.

11/29            15 sec    Community

It is a bit brighter on Capitol Hill after a very festive holiday tradition took place on Tuesday. USVI News Washington DC correspondent, Brendan Scanland, was at the annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony earlier this week and has more from the nation's capital.

12/04            85 sec    Health

The American Academy of Pediatrics is sounding the alarm on excessive noise that kids and teens are exposed

to, warning that it might have permanent consequences. Nick Caloway speaks with the lead author about the worst culprits.

12/06            36 sec    Safety

The VI Police Department and the VI Office of Highway Safety urge the community to be proactive about safe driving skills to help older drivers maintain safe mobility. This is Older Driver Safety Awareness Week. It's recognized nationally to bring light to this safety issue for a growing population over 65 years old. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration offers guidance to help families of older drivers have open and honest discussions with older loved ones to ensure their safety on the road. They encourage you to discuss a "transportation plan" with older drivers to identify alternative transportation options if necessary.

12/06            17 sec    Health

Nearly half of all adults have high blood pressure but a recent study suggests some people may be misdiagnosed with hypertension because of the way in which their blood pressure is taken. Mandy Gaither has more on the research and why a doctor says it matters \*where\* and \*how\* you sit during a blood pressure check.

12/06            22 sec    Health

In the wake of an off-duty Alaska Airlines pilot trying to deliberately crash a flight in October. The FAA is looking into policy changes. The Federal Aviation Administration has announced a special mental health rule-making committee. It will consist of experts from both the aviation and medical communities. They are searching for ways to encourage pilots to report and seek care for mental health issues.

12/08            43 sec    Finance

A big financial boost from Liberty Foundation will help several nonprofits here in the US Virgin Islands. Liberty Foundation donated 60-thousand dollars to six local nonprofit organizations. The funds were raised through the foundation's 26th Annual Golf Invitational. The organizations receiving these awards include, the Children's Museum of St. Croix, Family Resource Center in St. Thomas, Friends of the Virgin Islands National Parks in St. John, Virgin Islands Surfing Federation in St. Thomas, Women's Coalition of St. Croix, and Y-Teens VI in St. Thomas.

12/08            15 sec    Community

The Liberty Foundation celebrated its 26th Annual Golf Invitational Tournament, awarding a donation of 60-thousand dollars for nonprofit organizations in Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands. Here's our correspondent Maricelle Rivera with more.

12/08            47 sec    Education

Collaboration means workforce training and digital research will be front and center in the US Virgin Islands. The Howard University College of Pharmacy and Governor Albert Bryan Jr.'s Office of Health Information Technology are working together on two new initiatives, and these two women are helping to pave the way. Public Health Informatics & Technology for the US Virgin Islands is a workforce training program led by these two entities and the Digital Research Initiative is the second initiative, which will give Virgin Islanders a chance to advance in public health informatics, health information and telehealth.

12/08            28 sec    Education

Tens of thousands of people who owe student loans are getting off the hook. This week, President Biden announced nearly five billion dollars is earmarked for student debt cancellation for more than 80-thousand borrowers. Biden said the money would help teachers, members of the military, nurses, and other public service workers. Biden's announcement brings the total of debt cancellation to 132-billion dollars for more than 3.6-million borrowers to date. For more information go to [studentaid-dot-gov](http://studentaid-dot-gov).

12/08            32 sec    Finance / Economy

Meantime, Americans purchased an estimated one million fully electric vehicles this year. It's the first time that many e-vs have ever been sold in this country in a single year. The estimate was confirmed by Cox Automotive, which closely tracks US auto sales. The increase has been driven, in large part, by the increased variety of e-v models available. By the second half of this year, there were 95 different e-v models available in the u-s, a 40-percent increase over just one year. The Inflation Reduction Act, which provides tax credits for electric vehicle purchases, also helped boost sales.

12/08            38 sec    Health

A weight loss medication recently approved by the food and drug administration for chronic weight management is now available by prescription. Zepbound, manufactured by Eli Lilly, was shown in clinical trials to yield more than 20 % average weight loss on higher doses over 72 weeks, stronger results than seen with other approved medicines. The FDA cleared it in November for people with obesity, or those characterized as overweight with at least one weight-related health condition, such as high blood pressure or heart disease. Like similar drugs, it's administered as a shot patients give themselves once a week, and is recommended on top of a reduced calorie diet and increased exercise.

12/08            113 sec    Health

The fulfilling feeling of giving back is backed by science! Studies show, donating to others may have positive health effects, including reducing blood pressure and improving heart health but in certain charity seeking situations, some may feel a different type of pressure. Gloria Pazmino explains the pros and pitfalls of checkout counter charity.

12/12            35 sec    Environment

A group of children in California is suing the Environmental Protection Agency, alleging it has harmed their health and welfare. They accused the EPA of intentionally allowing planet warming pollution to come from the sources it regulates. Those sources include vehicles and heavy-duty trucks, power plants, and oil and gas wells. The 18 children, ranging in ages from 8 to 17, filed the constitutional climate case in federal court. They argue the EPA permits continued pollution quote "despite knowing the harm it causes to children's health and welfare." The defendants in the case include current EPA Administrator Michael Regan.

12/12            15 sec    Health

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says the time to get vaccinated against respiratory viruses is now. So far this season, vaccination rates are low, but respiratory virus transmission is high and rising as we head busy into the holiday season. Mike Valerio reports.

12/12            129 sec    Education

Students earned the unique opportunity to chat in real time with astronauts at the international space station. These same students in Pennsylvania built the equipment needed to make this happen. Their reaction to the moment they successfully made contact was indeed out of this world.

12/15            15 sec    Finance

We're just weeks away from ringing in a new year and if you want to end 2023 on a positive financial note, there are a few money moves to consider before this year ends. In today's Consumer Watch, Jenn Sullivan has five tips that could help set you up for financial success in 2024.

12/18            30 sec    Safety

Quaker Oats is recalling several of its granola bars and cereals due to potential salmonella contamination. The affected products sold in all 50 US states and territories include Quaker's Chewy and Dipped Bar in various flavors, as well as some of their Puffed and Simply Granola cereals. Any variety packs and snack mixes that the products are sold with have also been recalled. Quaker, which is owned by Pepsico, said it has not received any reports of salmonella infections related to the recalled products. The company has also informed the FDA.

12/18            59 sec    Safety

'Tis the season...for cyber scams! Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency warns holiday shoppers to be vigilant as you finish your remaining holiday purchases this month. The CISA gives these four tips for being safe when online shopping; beware of seasonal scams such as email spam, online coupons, and promo codes! Use secure wi-fi, while many of us browse for items online when out and about, remember to only connect to known wi-fi networks, especially if browsing in public; beware of network names that have typos, extra characters, or that do not require a password. Be safe on social media; be careful not to overshare, don't post your location in real-time, and review your privacy settings on all platforms. And always check banking information, keep an eye on all activity in your banking and credit card accounts. Also, be sure to monitor your credit report on a regular basis. Being able to verify each purchase will give you peace of mind while shopping from various stores this holiday season.

12/20            8 sec    Community

The Virgin Islands Police Department and the Department of Tourism are getting ready for the Crucian Festival and we have a sneak peek just for you.

12/20            22 sec    Safety

The Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority wants residents to know that on December 19th to 22<sup>nd</sup>, sewer line repairs will be taking place. VIWMA will be conducting repairs on the sewer line on Lowry Hill / Southside Road near the Divine Funeral Home and on Hope / Hess Road near the Divine Funeral Home and H.H. Tire & Battery / Junie's Bar and Restaurant. Please note there will be road closures.

12/20            12 sec    Finance

Your holiday dinner costs can add up quickly, but with a bit of planning, you can still host an unforgettable

feast without going over budget. This morning, Jenn Sullivan has five tips to have a frugal yet festive holiday dinner.

12/20            24 sec    Finance / Community

The Made in the USVI Pop Up Shop Holiday Extravaganza will be held December 20th from noon until 6 pm. With this festive shopping experience, residents are encouraged to enjoy festive entertainment and refreshments with the chance to win prizes. Support small businesses, local artists and more when you come. The pop up will be located on Main Street in a two story main building; look for the "Made in the USVI Pop Up" sign in the front.

12/22            27 sec    Community

Santa and his many helpers have been hard at work at the VI Children's Museum in St. Thomas. Dozens of helpers and volunteers gathered this week to wrap hundreds of presents to give away this holiday season. The presents will be given to seniors at the Lucinda Millin Home, as well as children at the VI Children's Museum. This annual event is made possible by many sponsors and agencies, including the Office of Gun Violence Prevention, the Community and Police Association, the VI Children's Museum.

12/22            16 sec    Finance / Safety

Whether you're giving or receiving a gift card this holiday season; listen up. Check carefully to make sure you're not falling for a scam. The Better Business Bureau is warning that gift card scams are surging. In today's Consumer Watch, Jenn Sullivan has more on how you can protect yourself.

12/22            41 sec    Health

Winter has officially begun and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says with the cold season comes an expected rise in rates of flu and covid. Dr. Mandy Cohen, the Director of the CDC says the US is seeing a "sharp increase" in flu levels right now, particularly in the south. Covid cases also appear to be climbing nationally, while cases of RSV, seem to have reached their highest point this season. Cohen said that "we're seeing RSV peak a bit sooner, but we do not believe we're near yet at the peak of flu or covid." As of December 9, the weekly number of positive RSV tests in the US. had fallen around 16 % compared to the previous week. The pattern is different from that of last year, when the three viruses "all seemed to peak around the same time."

12/26            26 sec    Government

As part of the federally funded Digital Equity Planning and Capacity Grants, the Virgin Islands Next Generation Network is gathering information on internet access, cost, and use across the territory. The data will be used to inform local programs funded by the DE grants, as well as to fill in data gaps related to internet devices and speeds in the USVI. Scan the QR code provided below to help the territory gather information on internet access, cost, and use across the territory.

12/26            44 sec    Government

The Virgin Islands Department of Labor is excited to announce a significant milestone with the 35th legislature approving the measure that paved the way to move forward with acquiring ownership of its current building on St. Thomas. This move, transitioning the location into a government-owned building, stands as a crucial

development amidst the everlasting financial challenges faced by the government of the Virgin Islands. This successful acquisition of ownership, transforming the location into a government building, underscores Vidal's commitment to a stable future. The achievement is a result of collaborative efforts from the senators, Office of the Governor, Office of Management and Budget, Department of Property & Procurement, Department of Finance, and the entire Vidal team.

12/28                    9 sec    Environment

The presents have been opened; now what do you do with the wrapping paper and boxes they came in? before you head to the dumpster, CBS's Danya Bacchus has recycling tips.

12/28                    89 sec    Health

Improved health tops the new year's resolutions list for Americans year after year. So how can you eat healthier and manage your weight better in 2024? Here's advice from a nutritionist on hitting those goals in the new year.

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COMMUNITY PSA: Dept of Veterans Affairs	80	86
COMMUNITY PSA: HOMES FOR OUR TROOPS PSA	80	97
COMMUNITY PSA: HOPE FOR THE WARRIORS PSA	83	89
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COMMUNITY PSA: Special Olympics	71	73
COMMUNITY PSA: US Dept of Veteran Affairs	109	127
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ENVIRONMENT PSA: Best Friends Animal Society	74	76
ENVIRONMENT PSA: EarthJustice	116	137
ENVIRONMENT PSA: National Park Foundation	87	104
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ENVIRONMENT PSA: World Wildlife Fund	935	910
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HEALTH PSA: Buzzed Driving Prevention	70	72
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HEALTH PSA: Children's Cancer Research Fund	71	81
HEALTH PSA: National Pest Management	905	882
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HEALTH PSA: Prostate Cancer Foundation	116	136
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HEALTH PSA: Skin Cancer Foundation	100	121
HEALTH PSA: US DEPT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES PSA	80	87
HEALTH PSA: US DEPT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS PSA	84	92
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