

WTJX-TV Channel 12 Quarterly Issues/Programs List October 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023

The licensee of Station WTJX-TV, Channel 12, has determined that the issues/topics listed below were of importance to the community during the past three months and has aired the following most significant programming related to those issues.

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Aging

Issue:AgingSeries Title:In Conversation with AARP VIEpisode Title:Estate PlanningLength:30 minutesAirdate:10/13/23 at 8:30 PM

On this episode of *In Conversation with AARP-VI*, host, Troy deChabert-Schuster sits down with Senator Marvin A. Blyden, discussing efforts to reform the probate process and the significance of estate planning for Virgin Islanders.

Business/Industry

Issue:	Business/Industry
Series Title:	FRONTLINE
Episode Title:	Elon Musk's Twitter Takeover
Length:	120 minutes
Airdate:	10/10/2023 at 9:00 PM

Elon Musk's long and often troubled relationship with Twitter. Musk's journey from one of the platform's most provocative users to its sole proprietor, exploring the acquisition, free speech, and the company's uncertain future.

Issue:	Business/Industry
Series Title:	PBS NewsHour
Length:	60 minutes
Airdate:	12/12/2023 at 7:00 PM

An investigation into Chinese fishing fleets and processing centers has discovered that seafood produced with forced labor is making its way to American dinner tables. That's despite a U.S. ban on imports made by workers from China's Xinjiang province. That region is home to Muslim minority Uyghurs who have been the victims of well-documented human rights violations. John Yang reports.

Community Politics, Government

Issue:	Community Politics, Government
Series Title:	Comes with the Territory
Episode Title:	Sunday, October 8, 2023
Length:	60 minutes
Airdate:	10/8/23 at 1:00 PM

The inaugural episode of *Comes with the Territory* took a look at on political issues the fiscal year 2024 budget, challenges facing St. Croix public schools, the taxicab industry, and ongoing issues at the Water and Power Authority. Hosted by veteran political analyst Lesley Comissiong, this episode features interviews with the Office of Management and Budget Director, Jenifer O'Neal, and Senator Donna Frett-Gregory, chairwoman of the Senate Committee on Budget, Appropriations, and Finance. The panel discussion includes former Senator Roosevelt David, social media content creator Gabrielle Querrard, and Senator Marise James.

Issue:	Community Politics, Government
Series Title:	Comes with the Territory
Episode Title:	Sunday, November 19, 2023
Length:	60 minutes
Airdate:	11/19/23 at 1:00 PM

On this week's episode of *Comes with the Territory*, St. Croix Administrator Sammuel Sanes and Christiansted business owners Shane Kuhlmann and Matthew Ridgway discuss the downtown sewer line replacement project and how its massive roadway disruptions are negatively impacting businesses in the downtown area. The power panel, featuring Jamila Russell, Lasiba Knight, and Shomari Moorehead, covers solutions for the lack of activity in downtown Frederiksted, the Senate's subpoena of Police Commissioner Ray Martinez, and Governor Albert Bryan Jr.'s divorce filing. Hosted by Lesley Comissiong.

Issue:	Community Politics, Government
Series Title:	Comes with the Territory
Episode Title:	Sunday, December 3, 2023
Length:	60 minutes
Airdate:	12/3/23 at 1:00 PM

On this episode of *Comes with the Territory*, host Lesley Comissiong sits down with leaders from the three major labor unions in the territory to unpack the reasons behind their demonstrations, disputes, and calls for action. This week's discussion includes the search for the sixth president of the University of the Virgin Islands, the Jane Doe lawsuit against the Virgin Islands Government regarding Jeffrey Epstein, and the discord in the local GOP that led to the attempted ouster of chairman Gordon Ackley. Guests and panelists on this episode include Jacqueline Dickenson, Vice President of the United Industrial Workers-Seafarers International Union, Gerard "Jerry" Jackson, staff representative of the United Steelworkers Union, and Rosa Soto-Thomas, president of the St. Croix Federation of Teachers, AFT Local 1826.

Issue:	Community Politics, Government
Series Title:	Comes with the Territory
Episode Title:	Sunday, December 17, 2023
Length:	60 minutes
Airdate:	12/17/23 at 1:00 PM

On this week's episode of *Comes with the Territory* features an in-depth discussion with the United States Coast Guard on the agency's response to the recent WAPA power plant diesel spill that spread to Lindbergh beach as well as the cargo vessel, Bonnie G, grounding on St. Thomas. The panel discussion covers the class action lawsuit against the Water and Power Authority, discrepancies between the legal requirements and online job description for the Bureau of School Maintenance's executive director, and the territory-wide protest every Tuesday demanding government accountability. Joining the discussion are Ricardo Castrodad, U.S. Coast Guard Public Affairs Officer; radio host, Jamila Russell; former Senator, Kurt Vialet, and former DPNR Commissioner, Attorney Dawn Henry.

Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement

Issue:Crime/Legal Issues/Law EnforcementSeries Title:A Town Called VictoriaEpisode Title:The FireLength:60 minutesAirdate:11/13/2023 at 10:00 PM

A south Texas town is thrown into the national spotlight when a local mosque is burned to the ground in 2017. After the media moves on, the community is left to reflect on its complex history with racism.

Issue:Crime/Legal Issues/Law EnforcementSeries Title:PBS NewsHourEpisode Title:Episode 106Length:60 minutesAirdate:11/27/2023 at 7:00 PM

The shooting of three college students of Palestinian descent has added more fear and concern about a rise in bias, discrimination and violent attacks against Arab Americans and Muslims in the U.S. While the motive is still unclear, some groups argue officials should consider this a hate crime. William Brangham discussed more with Abed Ayoub of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee.

Issue:Crime/Legal Issues/Law EnforcementSeries Title:FRONTLINEEpisode Title:Inside the Uvalde ResponseLength:60 minutes

Airdate: 12/5/2023 at 11:00 PM

The real-time accounts of the response, missteps and trauma in the Uvalde school shooting. Using official body cam and audio, with ProPublica and The Texas Tribune, a reconstruction of the chaotic response at Robb Elementary and the lessons learned.

Issue:Crime/Legal Issues/Law EnforcementSeries Title:FRONTLINEEpisode Title:The Discord LeaksLength:60 minutesAirdate:12/12/2023 at 11:00 PM

How a young National Guardsman allegedly leaked classified documents onto the Discord chat platform. With The Washington Post, Jack Teixeira's alleged leak of national secrets, why he wasn't stopped, and the role of platforms like Discord.

Economy

Issue:	Economy
Series Title:	PBS NewsHour
Episode Title:	Episode 103
Length:	60 minutes
Airdate:	11/22/2023 at 7:00 PM

There's been some good news of late when it comes to inflation. Data from the federal government last week showed inflation eased through October. And according to the Farm Bureau, the average cost of a Thanksgiving dinner actually decreased slightly this year. But as special correspondent Fred de Sam Lazaro reports, stubbornly high food prices are still squeezing families this holiday season.

Issue:	Economy
Series Title:	PBS NewsHour
Length:	60 minutes
Airdate:	12/13/2023 at 7:00 PM

The Federal Reserve opted to leave interest rates unchanged, but Fed Chairman Jerome Powell suggested there may be as many as three rate cuts next year. Powell said rate hikes appear to be over for now and the economy is well positioned for a so-called "soft landing." Stephanie Sy discussed more with economist Julia Coronado of MacroPolicy Perspectives.

Education

Issue:	Education
Series Title:	PBS NewsHour
Length:	60 minutes
Airdate:	10/17/2023 at 7:00 PM

Students who are starting to apply to colleges for the coming year are the first class to deal with the impact of the Supreme Court's decision to overturn affirmative action. For many high school students, this annual rite of passage is now trickier than ever to navigate. Special correspondent Hari Sreenivasan takes a look for our higher education series, Rethinking College.

Issue:	Education
Series Title:	PBS NewsHour
Length:	60 minutes
Airdate:	11/15/2023 at 7:00 PM

Higher education is facing a mental health crisis. Yale settled a lawsuit following the death of a student by suicide in 2021 and will allow students flexibility to take lighter course loads and keep their healthcare while on medical leave. Geoff Bennett discussed more with Dr. Jessi Gold for our reporting on Early Warnings: America's Youth Mental Health Crisis and our series, Rethinking College.

Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters

Issue:	Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters
Series Title:	In Conversation with AARP VI
Episode Title:	Division of Banking
Length:	30 minutes
Airdate:	10/6/23 at 8:30 PM

On this episode of In Conversation with AARP VI, host, Troy deChabert-Schuster interviews the Acting Director of the Division of Banking, Insurance, and Financial Regulation, Glendina Matthew. The Division, which is a regulatory entity and major revenue generator for the Government of the United States Virgin Islands, is under the administration of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor. Acting Director Matthew provides insight on the importance of safeguarding your home from natural disasters.

Issue:Environment/Nature/Natural DisastersSeries Title:POVEpisode Title:LandfallLength:90 minutesAirdate:10/14/2023 at 9:00 PM

After the fallout of Hurricane Maria, Puerto Rico faces a new threat: disaster capitalism. The resulting collective trauma and resistance pose a question of global urgency: when the world falls apart, what does a just recovery look like?

Health/Healthcare

Issue:Health/Health CareSeries Title:POVEpisode Title:Fire Through Dry GrassLength:90 minutesAirdate:10/30/2023 at 10:00 PM

Wearing snapback caps and Air Jordans, the Reality Poets don't look like typical nursing home residents. In Fire Through Dry Grass, these young, Black and brown disabled artists document their lives on lockdown during Covid, using their poetry and art to underscore the danger and imprisonment they feel. In the face of institutional neglect, they refuse to be abused, confined, and erased.

Issue:	Health/Healthcare
Series Title:	In Conversation with AARP VI
Episode Title:	VI SHIP
Length:	30 minutes
Airdate:	11/24/23 at 8:30 PM

On this week's episode of In Conversation with AARP VI, host, Troy deChabert-Schuster interviews Shani Amory, Director of Virgin Islands State Health Insurance Program (VI SHIP). They discuss the basics of Medicare program coverage and plans in the US Virgin Islands.

Issue:	Health/Healthcare
Series Title:	In Conversation with AARP VI
Episode Title:	Senior Medicare Patrol Project
Length:	30 minutes
Airdate:	12/8/23 at 8:30 PM

On this week's episode of In Conversation with AARP VI, host Troy de Chabert-Schuster interviews Jennifer Logie, Senior Medicare Patrol Project Director. They discuss Medicare fraud, awareness, and prevention.

Minorities/Civil Rights

Issue:Minorities/Civil RightsSeries Title:Native AmericaEpisode Title:New WorldsLength:60 minutesAirdate:10/24/2023 9:00 PM

Native innovators lead a revolution in music, building, and space exploration. From the surface of Mars to the New York City hip hop scene to the Pine Ridge Reservation, Native traditions are transforming life on Earth and other worlds.

National Politics/Government

Issue:	National Politics/Government
Series Title:	PBS NewsHour
Length:	60 minutes
Airdate:	10/2/2023 at 6:00 PM

The United Nations Security Council approved sending an international police force, led by Kenya, to Haiti. The U.S. drafted resolution was approved with abstentions from China and Russia and aims to combat rising gang violence in the Caribbean nation. U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Linda Thomas Greenfield has been a central figure in the push and joined Amna Nawaz to discuss the vote.

Issue:	National Politics/Government
Series Title:	Amanpour and Company
Length:	60 minutes
Airdate:	10/12/2023 at 11:00 PM

War between Israel and Hamas is ramping up the pressure on the House to elect a new Speaker. With Steve Scalise no longer in the race, attention is now turning towards Jim Jordan. But Jordan is also lacking unified GOP support. Shortly after McCarthy's historic ouster last week, Christiane spoke with former secretary of state Hillary Clinton about the dangers of dysfunction to American democracy.

Issue:	National Politics/Government
Series Title:	FRONTLINE
Episode Title:	McConnell, the GOP & the Court
Length:	60 minutes
Airdate:	10/31/2023 at 10:00 PM

How Republican Sen. Mitch McConnell helped transform the Supreme Court and U.S. politics. Amid scrutiny of the high court, and a power struggle in the GOP, McConnell's rise and role pushing the judiciary to the right, and America's polarized democracy.

Science/Technology

Issue:Science/TechnologySeries Title:Spy in the Ocean, A Nature MiniseriesEpisode Title:Deep ThinkersLength:60 minutesAirdate:10/25/2023 at 8:00 PM

Spy creatures reveal an ocean full of startling ways of thinking, including large-brained whales, smart octopi, diving monkeys, creative fish and other intelligent animals.

Urban Development/Infrastructure

Issue:	Urban Development/Infrastructure
Series Title:	Comes with the Territory
Episode Title:	Sunday, November 5, 2023
Length:	60 minutes
Airdate:	11/5/23 at 1:00 PM

On this week's episode of *Comes with the Territory*, Carlton Dowe, executive director of the Virgin Islands Port Authority, discusses various significant projects in development, including the Hampton by Hilton hotel in Havensight, the agreement with Royal Caribbean to expand and revitalize cruise ports on St. Croix and St. Thomas, and the modernization of the territory's two main airports. This episode also covers the slow pace of the EnVIsion Tomorrow home repair program, the sentencing of Stephanie Barnes, and new House of Representatives speaker Mike Johnson. Hosted by Lesley Comissiong, the panel discussion includes former senators Roosevelt David and Usie Richards, and Attorney Kye Walker.

War/Veterans/National Security

Issue:	War/Veterans/National Security
Series Title:	Proudly We Served
Episode Title	: Virgin Islands Veterans of WWII
Length:	60 minutes
Airdate:	11/11/2023 at 2:30 PM

In Late 2007, the American Legion District 10, Department of Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands, authorized a volunteer video production team to produce this documentary, *Proudly We Served, Virgin Islands Veterans of World War II.* This 60-minute video explores the veterans' motivations for serving in the armed forces and documents their experiences with racial segregation in the United States and the armed services. It also explores their contributions to the war effort and the effects it had on their lives

Issue:War/Veterans/National SecuritySeries Title:Proudly We ServedEpisode Title:Virgin Islands Veterans of Vietnam WarLength:60 minutesAirdate:11/11/2023 at 3:30 PM

America's longest and most controversial war is the subject of extensive and thorough historical, social, and psychological studies. However, we do not know much about the impact of this war on the Virgin Islanders who served in this conflict during a period of turbulent social change. This is the second film, in a documentary series produced by the American Legion District 10, examines

the reasons Virgin Islands served during this time. It documents their experiences with racial prejudice while serving their country, and explores their feelings towards the war and the effects it had on their lives.

Issue:War/Veterans/National SecuritySeries Title:Proudly We ServedEpisode Title:Virgin Islands Veterans of Korean WarLength:30 minutesAirdate:11/11/2023 at 4:30 PM

Proudly We Served: Virgin Islands Veterans of the Korean War is the third installment of the *Proudly We Served* project initiated by the American Legion District 10. This film vividly explores the reasons why Virgin Islanders served in the Korean War (1950-1953), their contributions to the war effort, and the effect military service had on their lives.