

# QUARTERLY ISSUES-PROGRAM LIST WTJX-FM St. Thomas, Virgin Islands April 1, 2023 – June 30, 2023

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 April 1, 2023 – June 30, 2023.

Business, Economics & Finance

**Government & Politics** 

Crime, Law Enforcement & Gun Control

Natural Disasters, Climate Change & Renewable Energy

Health, Medicine & Wellness

Education

Arts & Entertainment

Aging & Retirement

## **Business, Economics & Finance**

# Analyze This

8:00-10:00 a.m. AST 04-11-23

Neville James connects with Donnie Dorsett, Economic Revitalization senior program manager with the Virgin Islands Housing Finance Authority, to discuss the Neighborhood Revitalization Program, a disaster recovery initiative that includes the Building Façade & Streetscape Enhancement Program and the Small Business Entrepreneurship Grant & Technical Assistance Program.

#### Analyze This

8:00-10:00 a.m. AST 04-12-23

Members of UVI's RTPark leadership team, including CEO Peter Chapman, Eric Sonnier, director of Entrepreneurship, and Sydney Paul, senior manager of Business Intelligence & Marketing, catch up with Neville James, sharing details of their annual progress report, upcoming VISTA+ Pop-up event in Atlanta, and new initiative, the USVI Idea Incubator Program, a free education, training and development program designed to help local tech innovators grow ideas into scalable ventures runs.

## In Conversation with AARP VI

11:00-11:30 a.m. AST 04-15-23 Host Troy DeChabert-Schuster joins Natalie Bailey and Judy L. David of the VI Department of Human Services, in discussing Family Assistance Programs for qualifying Virgin Islanders.

#### All Things Considered

5:00-8:00 p.m. AST 05-12-23

How to measure balance of power between employers and workers. Who has more power in the labor market, workers or employers? One economist has come up with a new economic indicator to try to measure it.

#### All Things Considered

5:00-8:00 p.m. AST 06-14-23

Corporations scale back shows of Pride support amid anti-trans and anti-gay laws. Companies have been accused of claiming to support Pride without changing behind the scenes. As more states pass anti-trans and anti-gay laws, some companies are ending even the appearance of support.

## Morning Edition

6:00-8:00 a.m. AST 06-30-23 Despite inflation and rising interest rates, the U.S. economy is still strong. Spending on travel and entertainment is up, even as Americans contend with stubborn inflation. One reason the economy is doing so well is that people keep spending money.

## **Government & Politics**

## All Things Considered

5:00-8:00 p.m. AST 04-21-23 What the Justice Clarence Thomas scandal says about ethics on the Supreme Court. With news that Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas failed to disclose gifts of vacations, luxury experiences and business transactions, there is new scrutiny on the ethics governing the court.

#### In Conversation with AARP VI

11:00-11:30 a.m. AST 04-29-23 In this episode of Conversation with AARP-VI, Troy DeChabert-Schuster, AARP-VI State Director, discusses AARP-VI's 2023 Legislative Priorities and Advocacy.

#### Analyze This

8:00-10:00 a.m. AST05-12-23V.I. Delegate to Congress Stacey Plaskett, phones in from Washington, D.C., to inform Neville of her priorities for residents. Before closing out her conversation with Neville, Plaskett highlights the introduction of her two recent bills to improve the quality of life for Virgin Islanders.

#### **Morning Edition**

6:00-8:00 a.m. AST 05-24-23

Poll: Most Americans say curbing gun violence is more important than gun rights. The highest percentage of Americans in a decade say they think it's more important to curb gun violence than protect gun rights, according to a new NPR/PBS *NewsHour*/Marist poll. The finding comes a year after the mass shooting at an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas, the second-deadliest in American history. Multiple other mass shootings that have taken place in the time since that one.

## Morning Edition

6:00-8:00 a.m. AST 06-19-23 On this Juneteenth: A reading of the Emancipation Proclamation. For the observation of the federal holiday, we hear from Nathan Connolly, an associate professor of history at Johns Hopkins University, about the Emancipation Proclamation, and NPR staff read it.

# Crime, Law Enforcement & Gun Control

## Analyze This

8:00-10:00 a.m. AST 04-21-23

Director Antonio Emmanuel of the Office of Gun Violence Prevention joins Neville James to educate the audience on the office's mission to deter crime through community outreach initiatives. After detailing the history of the office, Emmanuel speaks to the issues affecting violence and what the community can do to aid the office, in conjunction with the Virgin Islands Police Department.

#### Morning Edition

6:00-8:00 a.m. AST 05-23-23

A meteorologist got threats for his climate coverage. His new job is about solutions. Gloninger quit after receiving a steady stream of threatening and harassing emails from one individual: a death threat stemming from climate coverage and resulting in PTSD.

#### All Things Considered

5:00-8:00 p.m. AST 06-19-23

A cyberattack on one hospital can disrupt an entire network of medical providers. When hackers attack a hospital, it can be deadly. But doctors and patients at nearby hospitals suffer too, according to a new study from the University of California San Diego.

# Natural Disasters, Climate Change & Renewable Energy

#### Analyze This

8:00-10:00 a.m. AST 04-14-23

Host Neville James welcomes organizing members of the "Share The Sun" program, Doug White, Environmental Sustainability chair with the St. Thomas Rotary East ECO Club, Kelly Mckinney, executive director, Island Green Living, and Iffat Walker of Community Action Now (CAN) to discuss their partnership to provide affordable solar generators to income-eligible residents on the islands of St. Thomas and St. John.

# Analyze This

8:00-10:00 a.m. AST 05-02-23

Hurricane Preparedness Week is a week-long national and territorial effort, urging the community to get ready for the upcoming hurricane season. This year, it is observed May 1 to 7. Director Daryl Jaschen of the Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency (VITEMA) and FEMA U.S. Virgin Islands Caribbean Area Office Coordinator Mark A. Walters FEMA VI Caribbean Area Office & VITEMA join guest host Jamila Russell in the studio to discuss disaster planning, evacuation and supplies.

## **Morning Edition**

6:00-8:00 a.m. AST 05-23-23

Insurance firms need more climate change information. Scientists say they can help. Climatedriven floods, hurricanes, wildfires and heat waves cause billions of dollars of damage every year in the United States. Federal scientists hope that better access to climate data will help one industry adapt: property insurers.

## All Things Considered

5:00-8:00 p.m. AST 05-31-23

Storm surge from hurricanes is deadly. New computer models can better forecast it. The National Hurricane Center is upgrading the computer models it uses to predict storm surge. People will be able to see maps about how much storm surge is predicted when a storm is headed their way.

# All Things Considered

5:00-8:00 p.m. AST 06-14-23

Hurricane Maria was a once-in-a-lifetime storm for Dominica. It might be the norm. Hurricane Maria is often referred to as a once-in-a-lifetime disaster. But the worry today especially on Dominica's wind-battered east coast is that climate change could make storms like it more common. Scientists put much of the blame on warming ocean temperatures as a result of climate change.

# Medicine, Health & Wellness

#### Analyze This

8:00-10:00 a.m. AST 04-21-23

Department of Health (DOH) Commissioner Justa "Tita" Encarnacion joins the discussion with Neville James and Douglas Koch, chief operation officer for Juan F. Luis Hospital detailing their collaborative efforts to provide the best possible healthcare options for residents; reiterating the department's commitment to battling depression and mental health.

# All Things Considered

5:00-8:00 p.m. AST

04-27-23

Group outlines lessons learned from Covid pandemic in new report. NPR's Mary Louise Kelly talks with Philip Zelikow about the forthcoming report "Lessons Learned From Covid War: An Investigative Report" by the Covid Crisis Group.

# Morning Edition

6:00-8:00 a.m. AST 05-09-23

Major psychologists' group warns of social media's potential harm to kids. For the first time, the American Psychological Association has issued recommendations for guiding teenager's use of social media. The advisory, released Tuesday, is aimed at teens, parents, teachers and policy makers.

# Ability Radio

11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. ADT 05-20-23

Dr. Dara Hamilton discusses the importance of mental health for the overall health of the V.I. community. She addresses teen anxiety and stress, and effective ways parents can communicate with their children.

# In Conversation with AARP VI

11:00-11:30 a.m. AST 06-03-23

This episode features Assistant Commissioner Dr. Nicole Craigwell-Syms discussing the mental and emotional well-being of Virgin Islanders and bolster awareness and address the stigma surrounding mental health and the steps being taken in the territory.

# Morning Edition

6:00-8:00 a.m. AST 06-22-23

Should gun violence be framed as an illness - using terms like epidemic? NPR's A Martinez speaks with Daniel Webster of the Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Violence Solutions about what the word "epidemic" means when it comes to gun violence.

# **Education**

# Analyze This

8:00-10:00 a.m. AST 04-05-23

Project Promise offers positive support services to avoid the stumbling blocks that can negatively impact the lives of our youth. Resa O'Reily Shearn joins Neville James in the studio to share the story behind Project Promise, a non-profit she created in 2014 to address the challenges facing

St. Croix's youth that provides a variety of support services and empowerment initiatives to encourage students to tap into their fullest potential.

## All Things Considered

5:00-8:00 p.m. AST 04-27-23

Families grapple with rising college costs. It's the time of year when many students and their parents are making decisions about where to go to college next fall. That decision is often about money, especially as many colleges are planning tuition hikes for next year.

#### Analyze This

8:00-10:00 a.m. AST 05-05-23

Students with the University of the Virgin Islands Association of Black Journalist (UVIABJ), Michael Bell, president and Kyra Edwards, vice president, discuss their experience at the Region 3 Conference of the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ). UVIABJ faculty advisor Dr. Sharon Albert-Honoré briefly joins the conversation to highlight the dedication of the students.

#### Morning Edition

6:00-8:00 a.m. AST 06-30-23

Justices ban affirmative action in college admissions. What's it mean for the future? NPR's Steve Inskeep talks to John B. King, Jr., chancellor of the State University of New York system, about how schools are adjusting their policies and practices after the Supreme Court's ruling.

# Arts & Entertainment

# Analyze This

8:00-10:00 a.m. AST 04-6-23

Artist Niarus Walker and Cane Roots Art Gallery owner Sonia Nahar Deane return to Analyze This to discuss the intergenerational play of art on display in the current exhibition "The Color of Light" that features a dialogue between the work of Crucian artists Niarus Walker & El' Roy Simmonds.

#### Morning Edition

5:00-8:00 a.m. AST 04-26-23

Besides singer and actor, Belafonte leaves another legacy: civil rights activist. Harry Belafonte died Tuesday at the age of 96. NPR's Michel Martin talks to publisher and author Lavaille Lavette about the legacy of the singer, actor and civil rights activist.

# Ability Radio

11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. ADT 05-13-23 Dr. Delma Jackson shares how communities having difficulties addressing cultural taboos can express their concerns through theater and performance.

# Analyze This

8:00-10:00 a.m. AST 05-16-23 Neville engages with

Neville engages with Nicole Parson of the The Forum to discuss the screening of "Champion" at the Prior-Jollek Hall at Antilles School, and the opportunities and possibilities available in the Virgin Islands for the arts, sound engineering and music.

#### In Conversation with AARP VI

11:00-11:30 a.m. AST 06-10-23 A conversation with representatives of PFLAG St. Thomas and St. Croix Pride discussing Pride and events. After two years of planning, a PFLAG Chapter has recently been established in the USVI. PFLAG St. Thomas, an LGBTQIA+ advocacy group, will now offer a place for V.I. friends and families of LGBTQIA+ people to support, educate and advocate.

## Aging & Retirement

# All Things Considered

5:00-8:00 p.m. AST 04-05-23

For people with dementia, social interactions can be vital in slowing the disease's progression. But as a person's condition worsens, finding enjoyable things to do together can be difficult. Two Vermont women created a new card game for people with dementia and their loved ones that has no rules.

#### In Conversation with AARP VI

11:00-11:30 a.m. AST 05-06-23 An interview with Commissioner Kimberley Causey-Gomez and Alvin A. Milligan discussing program events in celebration of Older Americans Month.

# Morning Edition

5:00-8:00 a.m. AST 05-15-23

What the debt ceiling standoff could mean for your retirement plans as President Biden is expected to meet with congressional leaders on Tuesday about the debt ceiling, with just about two weeks until the country could run out of money to pay its bills.