

QUARTERLY ISSUES-PROGRAM LIST WTJX-FM St. Thomas, Virgin Islands October 30, 2023 – December 31, 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 October 30, 2023 – December 31, 2023.

Aging & Retirement

Arts & Entertainment

Business, Economics & Finance

Crime, Law Enforcement & Gun Control

Education

Government & Politics

Health, Medicine & Wellness

Natural Disasters, Climate Change & Renewable Energy

Aging & Retirement

Morning Edition

5:00-8:00 a.m. AST 10-02-23 General Mark Milley retires after four years as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

All Things Considered

5:00-8:00 p.m. AST 10-13-23 Retirement benefits are one of the hang-ups in UAW negotiations.

In Conversation with AARP VI

11:00-11:30 a.m. AST 10-14-23

Host Troy DeChabert-Schuster interviews Marvin A. Blyden, discussing efforts to reform the probate process and the significance of estate planning for Virgin Islanders.

Analyze This

8:00-10:00 a.m. AST 10-31-23

Monica Rivera, Chief of Stakeholder Engagement & Organizational Change Management at U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, joins Dwayne Henry to discuss reports of companies and third party entities employing predatory practices to take advantage of Veterans and their survivors and discuss how Veterans can secure their toxic exposure benefits as well as the resources available to help file claims.

On Point

1:00-2:00 p.m. AST 11-11-23

Congress is currently considering the "Retirement Savings for Americans Act," an ambitious bill that seeks to create a national retirement system. Back in April 2021, two economists told us about their bipartisan plan to help millions of low-income Americans save for retirement.

Ability Radio

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

Patrick Farrell, Director of Veterans Affairs, joins us for Veterans Day. He and the host discuss Traumatic Brain Injuries, like concussions, that affect veterans more than the civilian population. They also talk about the current local and national programs, like Community Care and Disabled Veteran license plates.

In Conversation with AARP VI

11:00-11:30 a.m. AST 11-25-23

Host Troy DeChabert-Schuster interviews Shani Amory, Director of Virgin Islands State Health Insurance Program (VI SHIP), discussing the Medicare program in the US Virgin Islands.

Ability Radio

11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. ADT 12-9-23

Tracy Sanders, founder of Continuum Care, talks about hospice and what end-of-life care looks like in the USVI - from comfort and supportive care for the patient to managing details for the patient's caregivers and family.

Arts & Entertainment

Morning Edition

6:00-8:00 a.m. AST 10-02-23 The Hollywood writers' strike is over, but the actors strike could drag on.

Analyze This

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

Dr. Gail James, accomplished author, christian therapist, and reigning Mrs. International Woman of Achievement, joins Neville James to discuss her new book and her accomplishments in the Virgin Islands.

All Things Considered

5:00-8:00 p.m. AST 10-30-23 What makes a good haunted house? Haunted house pros weigh in on the fun of fear.

Analyze This

8:00-10:00 a.m. AST 11-7-23 Neville James is joined by Executive Director Nicole Parsons of the Forum and Attorney Gordon Rhea, an American lawyer, author and historian who specializes in the American Civil War, as they discuss the upcoming event on November 12 at the Forum, the importance of history in understanding the present and looking back at the past honestly.

On Point

1:00-2:00 p.m. AST 11-22-23 The former U.S. poet laureate Tracy K. Smith has a new memoir. In it, she discovers a surprise in her late father's military records that changed how she sees herself as a Black woman in America.

World Cafe

10:00-12:00 p.m. AST 12-01-23

Under pressure to repeat the success of her debut album, Olivia Rodrigo leaned heavily on her songwriting skills to create her latest record. Now, GUTS is up for six Grammys, and she's gearing up for another stint as SNL's musical guest later this month.

In Conversation with AARP VI

11:00-11:30 a.m. AST 12-23-23

Host Troy DeChabert-Schuster engages in an in-depth conversation with Kendell Henry, discussing Virgin Islands' culture, traditions and music.

Business, Economics & Finance

All Things Considered

5:00-8:00 p.m. AST 10-04-23 Health care staffing and burnout are helping drive strikes, Kaiser union leader says.

Morning Edition

6:00-8:00 a.m. AST 10-06-23 School cafeterias maneuver complexities of change and offer locally grown food.

On Point

1:00-2:00 p.m. AST 10-13-23

Earlier this week, Harvard professor Claudia Goldin won the Nobel Prize in economics, only the third woman in history to do so. In this conversation with Goldin from last year, we hear how her focus on women in the workforce has led to great discoveries. Claudia Goldin joins Meghna Chakrabarti.

WTJX NewsFeed

5:00-5:30 p.m. AST 10-16-23 Amid a 300% rate increase from the Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation, cruise ship vendors are seeking assistance. An affected vendor speaks out.

WTJX NewsFeed

5:00-5:30 p.m. AST 11-08-23 St. Croix small business owners and residents gathered on Monday at Government House to express growing frustrations over current road conditions in Christiansted.

Analyze This

8:00-10:00 a.m. AST 11-13-23 Jerry Browne and Midre Cummings, former MLB players from St. Croix, join Neville James to discuss sports, talent in the USVI, sports tourism, and their history with MLB among other topics.

Fresh Air

2:00-3:00 p.m. AST 11-14-23 What's next for Fox News now that Rupert Murdoch has stepped down?

WTJX NewsFeed

5:00-5:30 p.m. AST 11-16-23

Port Authority Executive Director Carlton Dowe speaks about Sky High Dominicana's expansion to St. Croix.

TED Radio Hour

6:00-7:00 a.m. AST 11-24-23

Around the world, democratic ideals are being tested in surprising ways. As the curtains rise on a big election year, TED speakers explore what can keep people united and what drives them apart. Guests include journalist and Broadway producer Jose Antonio Vargas, civil war expert Barbara Walter, and political scientist Yascha Mounk.

WTJX NewsFeed

5:00-5:30 p.m. AST 11-29-23

The Virgin Islands Economic Development Authority announces the return of its Made in the USVI Pop-Up Shop.

Planet Money

2:00-02:30 p.m. AST 12-08-23

Why do doctors still use pagers? Remember pagers? They were huge in the 80s — these little devices that could receive short messages. Sir Mix-A-Lot even had a song about them! But then cell phones came along, and pagers more or less became obsolete.

WTJX NewsFeed

5:00-5:30 p.m. AST 12-13-23 United Steelworkers District 9 Director, Daniel Flippo, says that Viya is moving customer service jobs to Guyana.

Weekend Edition Saturday

8:00-10:00 a.m. AST 12-16-23 Consumer Reports is adapting its automobile testing to include electronic vehicles.

WTJX NewsFeed

5:00-5:30 p.m. AST 12-21-23

The Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority is increasing the commercial tipping fee to \$5.0/cubic yard beginning January 1, 2024.

Crime, Law Enforcement & Gun Control

Morning Edition 6:00-8:00 a.m. AST 10-3-23

Trump's \$250 million civil fraud trial is underway in New York; FTX founder Sam Bankman-Fried's trial is about to start. Here's what you need to know.

Analyze This

8:00-10:00 a.m. AST 10-3-23

Neville James is joined by Oscar DeGruy of the Insight Empowerment Programs as they discuss the importance of empowering youth, particularly those at risk, the history of the program and a variety of topics.

Morning Edition

6:00-8:00 a.m. AST 10-25-23 As ex-Trump associates plead guilty, has his presidential bid been affected?

WTJX NewsFeed

5:00-5:30 p.m. AST 10-26-23 Charges against James Bildahl are dismissed after video evidence contradicts Department of Health Peace Officer, Wanson Harris, claims of assault and racial slurs from a 2020 incident. Bildahl's attorney, Kye Walker, provides details.

Weekend Edition Sunday

6:00-8:00 a.m. AST 10-27-23 Four key takeaways from the FBI's annual crime report.

All Things Considered

5:00-8:00 p.m. AST 10-30-23 Her child was killed in the Uvalde shooting last year. Now, she's running for mayor.

WTJX NewsFeed

5:00-5:30 p.m. AST 11-02-23 Kyle Christopher, who pleaded guilty to the 2019 beating death of four-year-old Aaron Benjamin Jr., is sentenced.

Weekend Edition Saturday

8:00-10:00 a.m. AST 11-04-23 The Supreme Court will hear a case on protecting domestic violence victims from guns.

WTJX NewsFeed

5:00-5:30 p.m. AST 11-27-23 Police officers kill an active shooter in Market Square, St. Thomas.

Morning Edition 6:00-8:00 a.m. AST 11-29-23 Why hate crimes against Arab Americans have long been difficult to track.

On Point

1:00-2:00 p.m. AST 12-18-23

You've seen baby formula and razor blades locked behind plastic cases. Retailers say it's partly because of a rise in shoplifting. But analysts say there's no clear data to back up that claim. Katherine Masters and Alexis Piquero join Meghna Chakrabarti.

WTJX NewsFeed

5:00-5:30 p.m. AST 12-20-23 The widow of one of the victims of the Aureo Diaz double homicide speaks out after arrests were made.

WTJX NewsFeed

5:00-5:30 p.m. AST 12-29-23 St. Thomas/St. John Police Chief, Steven Phillip, issues a notice to owners of Kia and Hyundai vehicles after seeing an increase in theft of those automobiles.

Education

All Things Considered

5:00-8:00 p.m. AST 10-06-23

HBCUs have been underfunded by \$12 billion, federal officials reveal.

WTJX NewsFeed

5:00 - 5:30 p.m. 10-04-23

President of the University of the Virgin Islands, Dr. David Hall, responds to an article in the Miami Herald that alleges that the University made special courses at Jeffrey Epstein's behest.

On Point

1:00-2:00 p.m. AST 10-09-23

The National Science Foundation has funded its first ever research hub focused on Indigenous knowledge. This \$30 million investment will fund projects from ancient clam-farming to mapping climate change on tribal lands.

Ability Radio

11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. ADT 10-15-23

Jenny Hawkes, Executive Director of My Brother's Workshop, discusses how the organization impacts VI youth through mentoring, training, education, and job placement. Advocate Shammi Carr talks about National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

Analyze This

8:00-10:00 a.m. AST 11-15-23 Dr. Kyza Callwood, chairman of the VI Board of Education joins Neville James to discuss American Education Week among other topics.

Morning Edition

6:00-8:00 a.m. AST 11-27-23 Science says teens need more sleep. So why is it so hard to start school later?

Analyze This

8:00-10:00 a.m. AST 11-30-23 Neville James is joined by J. Michael McCormick, media relations and education coordinator of the Florida/USVI Poison Information Center in an information session to educate the public regarding the community surveys and they ways the poison control center can help.

All Things Considered

5:00-8:00 p.m. AST 12-20-23 How schools (but not necessarily education) became central to the Republican primary: Talking about schools is a reliable applause line for Republican candidates.

Government & Politics

Weekend Edition Sunday

6:00-8:00 a.m. AST 10-01-23 Celebrations across the country mark former President Jimmy Carter's 99th birthday.

Morning Edition

6:00-8:00 a.m. AST 10-02-23 Congress avoids a government shutdown with a short-term spending measure.

Analyze This

8:00-10:00 a.m. AST 10-17-23 Terrell Alexandre and Lisa Moorhead from the VI Board of Elections engage with Neville to discuss sports, elections, upcoming local midterm elections and local voter initiatives.

WTJX NewsFeed

5:00-5:30 p.m. AST 11-06-23 Members of the Palestinian community joined in protest across the country calling for a ceasefire in Gaza.

WTJX NewsFeed

5:00-5:30 p.m. AST 11-10-23

Senators vote to subpoena Police Commissioner Ray Martinez due to the lack of attendance at the legislative committee on Homeland Security, Justice and Public Safety meeting.

Morning Edition

6:00-8:00 a.m. AST 11-14-23 Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen on the economic relationship of the U.S. and China.

WTJX NewsFeed

5:00-5:30 p.m. AST 11-15-23 Attorney Henry Smock filed a motion to seal the verified petition for the divorce of Governor Albert Bryan Jr. and First Lady Yolanda Bryan.

All Things Considered

5:00-8:00 p.m. AST 11-28-23 The developing world needs much more than \$100 billion to cope with climate change.

Planet Money

02:00-02:30 p.m. AST 12-11-23

What if you could borrow money on the cheap and use it to pay for just about anything? The U.S. government can, and does, with U.S. Treasuries. But the market for Treasuries might be more fragile than we know.

Morning Edition

6:00-8:00 a.m. AST 12-13-23

President Biden makes critical remarks on Israel's response to Hamas attacks. President Biden says the Israeli government needs to keep an open mind to how Gaza is governed after the fighting there stops.

WTJX NewsFeed

5:00-5:30 p.m. AST 12-15-23 A bill to combat the illegal sale of lottery tickets in the territory is held in committee after it fails to garner support from lawmakers and stakeholders.

On Point

1:00-2:00 p.m. AST 12-20-23

Leonard Leo has been described as a puppet master – pulling strings between rich and powerful conservatives to turn the American judiciary to the right. Who is Leonard Leo and how has he been so effective?

All Things Considered

5:00-8:00 p.m. AST 12-29-23

The Supreme Court is being asked to consider issues that could affect the outcome of next year's presidential election, as part of a series of cases that relate to Donald Trump.

Medicine, Health & Wellness

On Point

1:00-2:00 p.m. AST 10-02-23

Ultra-processed foods now make up the majority of calories in the typical American diet. Studies show the health effects are about as bad as smoking. What would it take to get back to eating real food? Dr. Chris van Tulleken joins Meghna Chakrabarti.

Ability Radio

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WTJX NewsFeed

5:00-5:30 p.m. AST 10-17-23

Governor Albert Bryan declared October as Rett Syndrome Awareness Month. Founder of Ella's Hope, an awareness organization in the territory, Shane Gaspard, speaks about the syndrome.

WTJX NewsFeed

5:00-5:30 p.m. AST 10-18-23 Governor Albert Bryan establishes a joint force operation to address the lead in water crisis on St. Croix.

TED Radio Hour

6:00-7:00 a.m. AST 10-24-23 Stressed out? It might not just be in your head. How your muscles affect your mood.

WTJX NewsFeed

5:00-5:30 p.m. AST 10-27-23

Frederiksted Health Care Inc. (FHC) announced a cybersecurity breach of their systems. FHC Chief Executive Officer, Massarae Sprauve-Webster talks about what she knows of the breach thus far.

Analyze This

8:00-10:00 a.m. AST 10-31-23

Dwayne Henry engages with Shaine Gaspard, co-founder of Ellas Hope, Inc. and Ella's dad, as they discuss Rett Syndrome Awareness Month, the ongoing research into Rett Syndrome, the history of Rett Syndrome and the song recorded in honor of Ella.

All Things Considered

5:00-8:00 p.m. AST 11-01-23 Despite post-COVID efforts, the U.S. is still undersupplied with domestic-made PPE.

Morning Edition

6:00-8:00 a.m. AST 11-08-23 Listeners joined 'Body Electric' study to move throughout the day.

Analyze This

8:00-10:00 a.m. AST 11-17-23

Neville James engages with Sommer Sibilly Brown, Founder and Executive Director of Virgin Islands Good Food Coalition, Incorporated (VIFGC), a community based domestic non-profit organization licensed in the U.S. Virgin Islands as they discuss her travels, current and upcoming initiatives and the importance and misconceptions of the industry of cannabis.

In Conversation with AARP VI

11:00-11:30 a.m. AST 12-09-23 An interview with Jennifer Logie, Senior Medicare Patrol Project Director, discussing Medicare fraud, awareness and prevention.

All Things Considered

5:00-8:00 p.m. AST 12-26-23 How the women leading Democrats' push for Latino votes hope to win on abortion.

Morning Edition

6:00-8:00 a.m. AST 12-29-23 A popular asthma inhaler is being discontinued. Although there is a generic version, the switch could lead to disruptions in care because not all insurance companies are covering it.

Natural Disasters, Climate Change & Renewable Energy

Fresh Air

2:00-3:00 p.m. AST 10-05-23 U.S. transition to clean energy is happening faster than you think, reporter says.

TED Radio Hour

6:00-7:00 a.m. AST 10-06-23 How Indigenous guardian programs can help the land and the people taking care of it.

In Conversation with AARP VI

11:00-11:30 a.m. AST 10-7-23

Host Troy DeChabert-Schuster in an insightful interview with Acting Director Glendina Matthew, discussing the importance of safeguarding your home from natural disasters.

Analyze This

8:00-10:00 a.m. AST 10-12-23 Schenine Mitchell, Life Scientist and Terry Wesley, program manager, from the EPA join Neville James as they discuss the upcoming EPA Brownfields Workshops.

All Things Considered

5:00-8:00 p.m. AST 10-20-23 Wastewater reveals which viruses are actually circulating and causing colds.

Morning Edition

6:00-8:00 a.m. AST 11-09-23 Three cities face a climate dilemma: to build or not to build homes in risky places.

TED Radio Hour

6:00-7:00 a.m. AST 11-10-23 What happens when Paradise goes up in flames? A look at the rise in wildfires.

All Things Considered

5:00-8:00 p.m. AST 11-21-23 The government wants to make beef production climate friendly. Here's how it's going.

On Point

1:00-2:00 p.m. AST 11-30-23 The U.S. has struggled to build wind farms at sea. What's causing the setbacks?

Analyze This

8:00-10:00 a.m. AST 12-01-23

Neville James is joined by Kyle Fleming, director of the VI Energy Office, as they engage in "Power Hour" and discuss the Inflation Reduction Act and the Infrastructure bill which made millions of dollars available to the VI Energy Office through grants, the potable water emergency on St. Croix, and the challenges and hurdles involved in completing projects, a discussion of future initiatives, solar vehicles and ebikes.

Morning Edition

6:00-8:00 a.m. AST 12-12-23

Wildlife photographer shows the impact of climate change on animals at COP28 meeting. The photographer has brought his images to the COP28 climate meeting, hoping to raise awareness of how climate change impacts animals.

All Things Considered

5:00-8:00 p.m. AST 12-20-23

A gas utility fought to keep two Colorado towns hooked on fossil fuels. When two Colorado mountain towns considered steps to transition local homes and businesses away from fossil fuels, they ran into a powerful opponent: their local gas utility.

Morning Edition

6:00-8:00 a.m. AST 12-28-23

2023 will be the hottest year on record. Is this how it's going to be now? Though temperature records from December have yet to be finalized, climate scientists at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration have found there's a more than 99% chance that 2023 will have the hottest recorded global average temperature, beating out 2016, the previous leader.