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Monday Digest: Bryan Takes Center Stage Tonight; Coconut Vybez Highlights St. Croix in Big Way; Plaskett Says U.S. Attorney for USVI Must Go; and U.K. Covid-19 Strain Feared More Deadly

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Julee Lansiquot, host and founder of Coconut Vybez By. COCONUT VYBE

Welcome to the Monday Digest, where we provide you with snippets of the weekend's news to help you start the week informed.

Let's jump in:

Bryan to Deliver Third State of the Territory Address Tonight

In the address, which starts at 7:00 p.m. and can be viewed live on the Consortium's website or Facebook page, Mr. Bryan [is expected to highlight](#) his administration's Covid-19 response, as well as address the Government Employees' Retirement System crisis.

Coconut Vybez Takes What it Means to Highlight the USVI to New Heights

Coconut Vybez, a part of the VI Consortium family of brands, has provided such vast and positive coverage of St. Croix that it needs to be mentioned. Founder and Host Julee Lansiquot has continuously delivered high-quality, immersive and exciting production. Over the weekend and into Monday, new episodes highlighting St. Thomas and St. John are being produced. The latest episode is [here](#).

Delegate to Congress Stacey Plakett Says Shappert Has to Go

Ms. Plaskett [contends](#) that U.S. Attorney for the USVI, Gretchen Shappert, "refuses to meet with my office even in a courtesy manner, obstructs other federal law enforcement agencies from engaging with local offices if she does not approve of the individuals running those offices – primarily Democrats."

Covid-19 Strain From UK Feared More Deadly

"We have been informed today that, in addition to spreading more quickly, it also now appears that there is some evidence that the new variant—the variant that was first identified in London and the southeast—may be associated with a higher degree of mortality," U.K. Prime Minister Boris Johnson [said](#) Friday.

In other news, a bill sponsored by Senators Janelle Sarauw and Kenneth Gittens calling for a 5-year halt on gas station development [is now law](#); WAPA received [\\$113 million from FEMA](#) to perform recovery work on St. John; The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) [will be offering](#) a virtual outreach program for Virgin Islands students and teachers throughout this week; and a major cruise line operator has announced a new requirement: all its passengers [must be Covid-19-vaccinated](#) before participating in cruising on any of its ships.